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Ukraine pushes counteroffensive as war marks 200 days

As the war in Ukraine marks 200 days, the country has reclaimed broad swaths of the south and east in a counteroffensive that has dealt a heavy blow to Russia. It began in August-end and at first focused on the southern region of Kherson. But as Moscow redirected troops there, Ukraine launched another offensive in Kharkiv, forcing Moscow to order a troop pullback from Kharkiv. | P9

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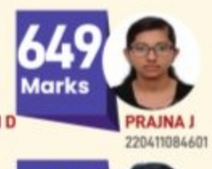

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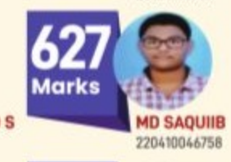

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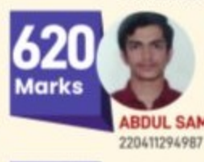

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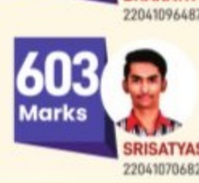

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STUDENT NAME	PLACE	NEET 2021 MARKS	NEET 2022 MARKS	MARKS IMPROVED
PAVANKUMAR I DURGAD	Belagavi	367	655	288
PRAJNA J	Mysuru	362	649	287
MAINUDDIN SHANUR MAKANDAR	Belagavi	412	631	219
MANJUNATH O S	Chitradurga	329	628	299
MOHAMMED SAQUIIB QADIR	Ballary	389	626	237
ABDUL SAMAD	Bijapur	348	620	272
BHARATH PATIL	Yadgiri	378	617	239
VINOD K S	Mysuru	320	616	296
TIPPU GOWDA	Mandya	397	612	215
CHETAN.B	Ballary	360	603	243
ADITYA KUMAR	Bengaluru	360	591	231
SHIVREDDY D T	Gulbarga	360	591	231
MANJUSHREE	Ballary	358	590	232
YOGITHA M N	Mandya	250	585	335
ADITYA H KULKARNI	Gulbarga	344	582	238
PUNEETH A P	Mandya	218	582	364
CHARITHA R	Mysuru	211	577	366
VAISHNAVI S	Ballary	278	576	298
CHARAN N	Davanagere	335	562	227
RAJESH Y S	Ballary	320	562	242
KUNAL SOMASHEKAR CHONNAD	Belagavi	212	558	346
DIVYA	Gulbarga	238	556	318
RAHUL DHAREPPA METRI	Bijapura	206	555	349
KARTIK KONDABHINGI	Gadag	300	552	252
HITHESH A V	Tumkur	320	550	230
ROUNAK V CHAWLA	Bagalkote	169	548	379
YASEEN A PATVEGAR	Bijapur	224	535	311
SUBIKSHA PREETHI	Rasipuram	190	526	336
ADARSH R AMBORE	Hospet	254	521	267
HEMANTH N S	Chikkamagaluru	210	521	311
SHRIVASTAV S CHAVAN	Bijapur	281	520	239
HARSHA A KANAVI	Gadag	205	518	313
MAYUR S URS	Mysuru	185	507	322
PRAVEEN G T	Davanagere	276	503	227
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Monday: 12/09/2022 **Year:** Shubhakruta **Ayana:** Dakshinayana
Ritu: Varsha **Masa:** Bhadrapada **Paksha:** Krishna **Tithi:** Dwitheeya 12.59 pm
Nakshatra: Uttharabhadra 9.36 am **Moon in** Mesha Rashi **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Light showers. Breaks of sun late

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.23 pm
Moonrise 8.00 pm
Moonset 7.42 am

Where is the footpath? Citizens see hawkers, cars

'Government does not care about pavements and bicycle lanes'

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

WITH Bengalureans flaying the BBMP and the state government for its inaction over encroachment on rajakaluves and culverts that led to flooding, residents and commuters are now enraged over blocking of footpaths and bicycle lanes either by parked vehicles or hawkers, compelling them to walk on the roads amid traffic.

Sathya Sankaran, bicycle mayor of Bengaluru and founder, Council for Active Mobility called the footpaths and bicycle lanes are in the lower rung of the mobility pyramid, adding that walking and cycling are not considered important by the government. On the Outer Ring Road (ORR), although there are encroachments in several areas, there is little action to address the situation.

The cycle lanes lack connectivity and the footpath's infrastructure is substandard, he said, adding that if they are properly segregated, it will only help in making traffic move faster, which officials have failed to understand.

Bikes parked on a footpath in Indiranagar

Shivkumar V Naidu, a social activist from Domlur, said that people are neither bothered about parking properly nor do they fear penalties. For parking on footpaths, Rs 1,000 fine is levied, and for wrong parking, Rs 500, said V Harish, traffic police inspector, adding that footpaths are often encroached by hawkers who end up fixing putting their shop there.

They cannot be removed by traffic police which should be done by BBMP, he said. But a temporary solution is the hawkers should be given a separate area for their shops, he added.

BS Prahalad, Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure), BBMP, said that they had been carrying out many awareness programmes to ensure that people do not park on footpaths, but there has been no change.

No place to walk

A resident of Whitefield area said the condition of footpaths is so poor that a bus fell into an uncovered drain while taking a turn. For elderly people or those who are specially-abled, it is difficult to take the footpath since it is elevated, not connected well, and vehicles are parked there, she said. A bookshop owner on Kempegowda Road complained that he had incurred losses in business due to footpath work which took over six months.

500 edu kits given to kids in flood-hit slum areas

Bengaluru: Following heavy rain that flooded many houses, relief efforts are underway to mitigate the plight of sanitation, domestic workers, labourers, and others. The All India Central Council of Trade Unions and All India Students' Association raised ₹3 lakhs for ration, education kits for the children in their families, especially in Munekolalu, BEML Layout, Mahadevapura, Kanakanagar, among others. "Over 500 education kits comprising a school bag, notebooks, pens, pencils, and a sketch-pen set were distributed among the children. AISA will also distribute textbooks by the education department soon," a joint statement read. Heavy flooding saw water reaching shoulder-high, entering slums, and damaging homes of the workers.

Mallasandra residents in no-man's land

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THE state government had brought the Mallasandra area, which was earlier governed by the panchayat, under the aegis of the BBMP in March 2021. However, one and a half years later, around 7,000 residents are now struggling without the support of either the Kaggalipura panchayat or the Bengaluru civic body.

Co-operation Minister and Yesvanthpura MLA ST Somashekhar spent time with the aggrieved residents on Sunday evening promising to redress their grievances.

Srivatsa Vajapeyam, co-founder of the United Federation of RWA, comprising 35 Federations in Ward 198 (Hemmingepura), said, "We have struggled for many years to become a part of BBMP. However, the builder lobby was strong, and opposed it as they can easily get plans approved from a panchayat body. In March last year, we came under the BBMP limits, but there was no improvement."

"Unless the A-Khata certificate is issued to us by the BBMP for our properties, there can be no selling or buying," he added. Laying of roads as well as water pipelines too have not commenced.

The Holiday Village Road in Mylasandra upsets Shilpa Rao, a regular commuter. "The road is in a bad shape, waiting for accidents to happen. There are educational institutions, and hundreds of students use this road. To add to it, apartments are being built and concrete mixers damage the roads." Sriram Balasubramanian, a resident and an IT Director at Phillips, said the condition of the road has been deplorable over the past five years, adding,

Residents complain that the road has not been repaired over the past five years

"Not only this road but all parallel roads connecting it have issues. If someone has an emergency, ambulances refuse to come to the location. Cabs and food delivery executives are also refusing to come to the location. The terrible state of roads are impacting our lives," he stressed.

"We have been waiting for A-Khata certificates for our sites since 2014. We have not been able to pay our property tax to BBMP this year because of its absence," he added.

CLEANING ACT

A BBMP worker clears the remains of Ganesha idols after immersion at Sankey Tank on Sunday in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Register Sobha City by Sept 19, orders RERA

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WITH Fire Department filing an FIR with the Bharati Nagar police station for going ahead with the project without clearance from them, RERA-K has recently ordered Sobha Limited to register the project of Sobha City in Hegde Nagar under it before September 19.

RERA has also ordered that the promoter apply for water supply with the BWSSB. The order was delivered in connection with a complaint filed by Sobha City Bengaluru Buyers Association.

"Immediately register all the blocks of Sobha City under Section 4 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, except Block 4," the order stated.

Buyers had approached RERA alleging numerous anomalies. Ameya Usgaonkar, a petitioner, told TNIE, "The project has partial occupancy for the 1,500 houses which is illegal. We do not have Cauvery water connection despite paying for it. The houses are mostly occupied at owners' risk. The Fire Department NOC is yet to be obtained, and the department has filed an FIR."

Subroto Chakraborty, who had paid ₹1.25 crore for his apartment, said that the Karnataka HC has declared partial occupancy certification as illegal in 2012. "The project has come up near a burial ground about which we were kept in the dark while buying," he said.

MS Shankar, General Secretary of the Forum for People's Collective Efforts, questioned, "Why is RERA not penalising for non-registration? I think penalty is mandatory under Section 59 of its Act."

DOG LOVER ALLEGES COPS DELAYED FIR ON STRAY PUPS

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

KNOWN for feeding hundreds of stray dogs and taking care of 80 of them, Radhika Raghavan, director of a private company in Bidadi Industrial Area, alleged that Bidadi police had delayed registering her complaint, pertaining to seven abandoned newborn puppies, by telling her that the matter should not be taken so seriously as there are multiple problems pertaining to humans.

The complaint was against two unidentified men for separating the puppies from their mother from a nearby village, and abandoning them in Bidadi Industrial Area. Despite supporting her claims with CCTV footage, police are said to have delayed registering the complaint by 10 days. Following multiple visits to the police station and follow-ups, police finally registered an FIR.

Radhika Raghavan, a resident of Eagleton in Bidadi, told TNIE that it is a criminal offence to separate newborn puppies from their mother. Radhika had gone to the police station on August 27 to file a complaint, but Bidadi police registered it only 10 days later, on September 6.

The complaint was filed so that police are aware of it, she said. "Due to my services towards stray dogs, some people might even harm me. By filing such cases, police would know in advance if they make any progress by arresting the suspects," she added.

"I know the difference between Non-Cognisable Report (NCR) and FIR. If pressure was not exerted, the case would have just remained an NCR. In the CCTV footage, the registration number of the bike and faces of the two men are not blurry. It is the duty of police to collect footage. Despite providing evidence, police seem to be lacking interest," she added. Police are yet to arrest the two men. A case of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act of 1960 was registered.

"There is no question of delay in registering the complaint. Since the allegations were non-cognisable, we have to take court permission to register an FIR," said an officer attached to Bidadi police station.

EXPRESS READ

BU NCC unit bags Best Performance Award

Bengaluru: Bangalore University's (BU) NCC Unit bagged the Best Performance Award 2020-21 from the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports on Saturday. BU Vice-Chancellor Jayakara SM received the award, and stated that there will be more stress on both NCC and NSS activities. Meanwhile, the Best Volunteer State Award was given to Pawan from ASC Degree College, Bengaluru.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

12TH September: Overall, this week's stars are still wild and wonderful, though slightly less so than last week's. The old question returns; are we going to opt for the safe alternative or make a complete break with the past? The answer lies in the mix of energetic and cautious planetary aspects that are encouraging us to take risks - but to safeguard our positions at the same time. I think we'll all work it out in our own ways.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
At first sight a great deal may seem to be unclear. I suggest that you switch into classical Arien mode and appreciate that what is very necessary now is an instinctive and intuitive approach. In other words, although the facts and figures may be important, they don't necessarily tell the whole story.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
I'd like to begin the week with a word about health, for the planets are adopting one of those classic formations which tends to make Taureans feel so terribly under-par. It's very important that you pace yourself, putting your feet up as and when necessary.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury is still in a critical relationship with a series of planets. Astrologers describe this particular pattern as electrifying, so wait for the sparks to fly - if they're not already doing so. The biggest bone of contention could be money, perhaps because you found yourself holding the bill!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
In a sense you are now being offered one last chance. A last chance to do what, you may ask? The straight answer is a chance to complete whatever was begun two or three months ago and is still of very special personal importance. So, whatever's happened in the meantime, get on with it!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may safely leave domestic initiatives until the end of the month without risking your reputation. Today's lunar inclinations are nicely sociable, so a fine time may be had if you mix as widely as possible and remember that everyone has a story to tell.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Career matters are highlighted today, although whatever happens at work may have strangely emotional overtones. Security seems to be one of the major issues, so don't object if others are a little clingy. After all, you have often relied on them in the past.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's all happening! The very special features in your solar horoscope at the moment are provided by the links between planets which rule your inner, private life and those which influence your public aspirations. That's why you might actually be expressing your destiny.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You must be aware by now that life is becoming increasingly strange – and a little mysterious! A partner may have some good news late in the day, so stick around and give an old opportunity a new chance. Financial details need further consideration, so don't be rushed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The entire financial system is in a state of flux. How far this affects you is another matter, but I believe that you are now in a very strong position to effect a long-term reform in your personal affairs. You'll be able to slip between the cracks and work out your own solutions.

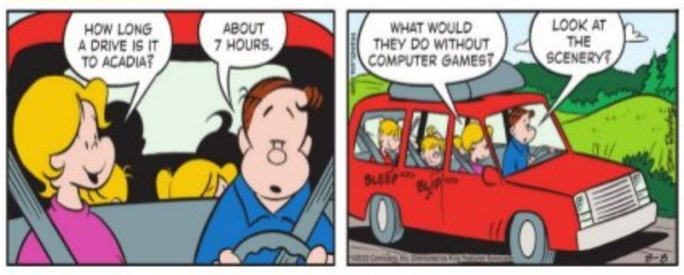
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Splendid planetary aspects are waking you from your slumbers. It's all very reminiscent of rising from a troubled dream to discover just how marvellous life really is. Even the odd trauma over the next month may teach you what a wonderful world we live in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
A great deal of this week's celestial activity seems to involve the thought processes. I wouldn't say it was a good time for harmonious discussion and agreement, more for outrageous statements and extreme positions. And then there's the question of your secret fantasies! More about them later!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
I know I have warned you about financial indiscretions in the recent past, but I'd like to make the point once again that you're walking a tight rope. There is no room for error and you must be one hundred percent on the ball. A friend, perhaps a female friend, may be able to help.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS



BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

HONEY, DID YOU EVER HAVE A FAVORITE GIRLFRIEND BEFORE YOU MET ME?
THAT'S A PRETTY TOUGH QUESTION, SWEETHEART
DID YOU EVER HAVE A FAVORITE BOYFRIEND BEFORE YOU MET ME?
I DON'T LIKE THIS TOPIC AFTER ALL, DEAR
LET'S JUST SWITCH TO FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATIONS

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

7			1		2		5	
		2			4	8	6	3
8	4							6
		9				7		
5							4	1
4	7	8	2			3		
	6		9		3			5

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

9	5	2	6	3	1	4	7	8
4	1	3	7	8	5	2	9	6
8	6	7	9	4	2	5	1	3
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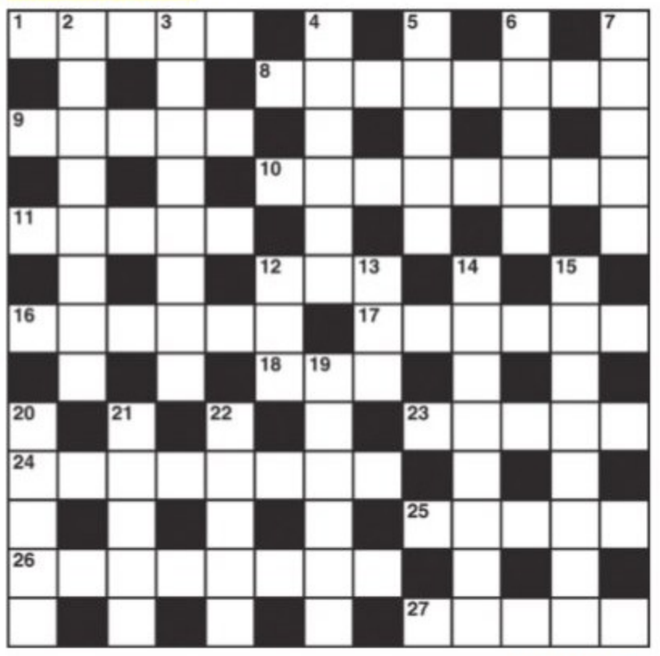
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Old maid? (5)
8 How chaps correspond by telepathy? (8)
9 Dad set out with stick (5)
10 Reveal oneself to be a beastly coward! (4,4)
11 Flexible twig and why it is brought in (5)
12 We had contracted to get married (3)
16 Famine for a large number on this planet (6)
17 Give firm backing to worship that's mythical (6)
18 Cut grass back with an expression of defiance (3)
23 Solicit for votes in the foyer (5)
24 Surplus footwear? (8)
25 Golden retriever? (5)
26 News read out and justified (8)
27 Spell words (5)

DOWN

2 He may pass on what he knows (8)
3 Bob interrupted (3,5)
4 Deny an umpire employment (6)
5 Where one may sit or get to one's feet (5)
6 Put down a pound stake (5)
7 Revolutionary vehicle (5)
12 A question of motive (3)
13 Brick carrier turns up with a note (3)
14 Current company accepts unusual deal of honour (8)
15 Where members of society may meet (4,4)
19 Maintained a five-nil lead over United (6)
20 Raid that's short but seems everlasting (5)
21 Fail to pay gambling debts? The language! (5)
22 Like a layer of wood (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Reflection, 6 Mugs, 10 Onion, 11 A cup of tea, 12 Ski slope, 13 Knead, 15 Mergers, 17 Trooper, 19 Undrawn, 21 Almoner, 22 Adieu, 24 Currants, 27 Chastised, 28 Inner, 29 Site, 30 Water music.

Down: 1 Rook, 2 Flickered, 3 Ermes, 4 Teapots, 5 Opulent, 7 Untie, 8 Slanderers, 9 Bookworm, 14 Ambulances, 16 Evacuate, 18 Penitents, 20 Nimbus, 21 Abridge, 23 Inapt, 25 Axiom, 26 Eric

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TOQAU

POGUR

IQLDIU

FEULUS

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I'll get the shrimp if you get the clams.
It's a deal! See you at dinner!
7/15
THE CEPHALOPODS CAME TO A RECIPROCAL BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT THAT WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

" "

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
MOUTH WEARY COFFEE FIRMLY
ANSWER: The Romans held meetings in the public square because it was a great — FORUM FOR 'EM

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us open

AS SWIATEK AS IT GETS: GRAND SLAM WIN NO 3

Poland's Iga Swiatek posts maiden victory at the US Open in New York, beating Ons Jabeur in the women's singles final

A YEAR TO REMEMBER FOR POLAND STAR

The 21-year-old saw off a second set fightback from history-chasing Jabeur — the Tunisia player was bidding to become the first woman from Africa to win a Grand Slam — to prevail 6-2, 7-6 (5). Swiatek has won as many seven titles (also had a 37-matching winning streak), including French Open this year. This was her third Grand Slam title

VERSATILE & PROMISES MORE IN FUTURE

- More versatile this year, Swiatek is only the third woman (after Serena Williams and Justine Henin) in the last 15 years to win multiple Majors in a season on different surfaces
- This was her tenth straight victory in a final since 2019 with promises of more in the days to come | P11

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Family members of Bengaluru boy R K Shishir celebrate his standing first in the all-India ranking in the IIT-Advanced entrance examinations on Sunday | EXPRESS

B'luru boy tops IIT entrance test

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BENGALURU'S R K Shishir of the IIT Bombay zone topped the JEE-Advanced 2022 entrance exam, results for which were announced on Sunday. Tanishka Kabra from the Delhi zone is the topper among female candidates with 277 on 360 marks. Her all-India rank is 16.

Seventeen-year-old Shishir of Narayana eTechno School in Bengaluru had earlier topped the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) in the pharmacy stream and stood fourth in the engineering category.

The second and third rank holders are Polu Lakshmi Sai Lohith Reddy and Thomas Biju Cheeramvelil. Of the top 500 candidates who made the cut, 133 are from the IIT Delhi zone, followed by the IIT Madras zone (132) and IIT Bombay zone (126).

Also, five out of the top 10 rank holders are from the IIT Madras zone - Polu Lakshmi Sai Lohith Reddy (Common Rank List [CRL] 2), Thomas Biju Cheeramvelil (CRL 3), Vangapalli Sai Siddhartha (CRL 4), Polisetty Karthikeya (CRL 6) and Dheeraj Kurukunda (CRL 8).

Topper in Karnataka exams too

R K Shishir (pic) scored 314 on 360 in IIT-Advanced. He also topped the pharma category in the Karnataka Common Entrance Test and stood fourth in engg category

JEE-Main, the admission test for engineering colleges across the country, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), is the qualifying exam for Joint Entrance Exam (JEE)-Advanced. Of the over 1.5 lakh candidates who appeared for the exam this year, 40,712 qualified. Of the total qualified candidates, 6,516 are females. Along with the result, the final answer key has also been published. Candidates can check their scorecards at the official JEE Advanced website -jeeadv.ac.in <http://jeeadv.ac.in/>.

Qualified candidates now need to appear for the Joint Seat Allocation (JoSAA 2022) to get admission. JoSAA counselling is scheduled to commence on September 12.

As many as 16,598 seats are up for grabs in all the 23 elite IITs - 366 more as compared to last year's 16,232. These seats include 1,567 supernumerary seats, which are over and above the sanctioned intake approved by the authority for women candidates - an initiative to encourage gender diversity in these institutes. P5

Impossible to restore Article 370 in J&K, says Azad

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GHULAM Nabi Azad, who recently quit the Congress, on Sunday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and expressed doubts the Opposition's ability to restore the Article 370 of the Constitution, if it comes to power at the Centre.

In his first political rally at Dak Bungalow in Kashmir's Baramulla since he quit the Congress, Azad said no Opposition party is in a position to restore Article 370 as it needs a two-thirds majority in the Parliament. "When I was in Parliament, I was not selling chola (dal). I know what is possible and what not. I cannot get Article 370 back. Even the Congress cannot get it back and neither any regional party can get it back. Neither DMK, Sharad Pawar or Mamata Banerjee can get it back," the 73-year-old said. "So, of 550 Lok Sabha MPs, 350 must vote in favour of its restoration, while in Rajya Sabha, 175 parliamentarians must do the same," Azad said. "I swear before God that I will not mislead you," the veteran leader said.

After parting ways with the Congress on August 26, Azad said he would announce the formation of a new political party, "independent" of the BJP, within 10 days. Asserting that the new outfit's objective would be the struggle for the restoration of J&K's statehood and to fight for jobs for people and their right, Azad recalled that Narendra Modi, when he was yet to become the prime minister, had called him to express his gratitude over the arrangements that were made to transport the bodies of Gujaratis killed in a terror attack in Kashmir.

"The people of Kashmir should take pride in Modi's remarks, about what he said about the humanity and hospitality of the people of Kashmir. But Congress leaders have never asked me about them because they do not have a heart," Azad said.

'FOCUS IS ON ACHIEVING STATEHOOD'

The former J-K chief minister said his focus is on achieving statehood for J&K. "Statehood can be achieved because no constitutional amendment is needed. We don't need a two-thirds majority for that," he reasoned

SRI LANKA SHED UNDERDOG TAG, TROUNCE PAK

The victory will be a soothing balm for the impoverished nation that has seen political strife and unrest over the last few months. The Lankan side beat Pakistan comprehensively by 23 runs in the Asia Cup final on Sunday | P11

Sri Lanka team celebrates after showing the intensity to beat Pakistan on Sunday | AP

Pakistan pacers thrive

19-year-old Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf set the stage on fire early on as they ran through the Lankan top-order, reducing them to 58/5. Haris was the star taking 3/29 in four overs

Bhanuka hero for Lanka

The middle-order batter showed glimpses of his potential for Punjab Kings in the IPL and on Sunday his unbeaten 71 off 45 balls took the total to 170 for 6

Wanindu spins a web

Pakistan were in control until the 16th over. Needing 61 runs from 24 balls, leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga (3/27) struck thrice in an over to demolish Pakistan

Brace for stormy session from today

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

AS the 12-day monsoon session of the Karnataka legislature begins on Monday, the principal opposition party, Congress, is all set to corner the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government by taking up various issues, especially the 40 per cent commission as alleged by the contractors' association.

The opposition will also raise corruption at the education department while renewing the recognition to private schools as alleged by the Recognised Unaided Private Schools Association (RUPSA) and PSI recruitment, RTO registration and KPTCL recruitment scams. Communally sensitive issues, including the murder of BJP Yuva Morcha leader Praveen Nettaru and tit-for-tat killings of two youth from the minority community in the coastal region, are also likely to come up in the Houses. Opposition leaders, especially Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah, may question CM Basavaraj Bommai as to why he visited only Nettaru's house, while ignoring families of the other two victims, sources said.

Siddaramaiah may seek information on cases dropped against activists during the BJP government. The opposition will take up the issue of nearly 100 of the 162 APMCs being on the verge of closure with their annual turnover going below ₹5 crore. P4

KCR confirms party launch, meets HDK in Hyderabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

IT is official. Telangana Chief Minister and president of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) K Chandrasekhar Rao on Sunday said he will launch his national political party soon to hopefully usher in "Rythu Rajyam" (farmers' government) at the Centre.

The buzz around a national outfit by KCR has been gathering steam for months.

Earlier in the day, he met former Karnataka chief minister and JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy at Pragathi Bhavan in Hyderabad and discussed the agenda of the proposed national outfit.

They held talks for three hours, during which KCR informed Kumaraswamy that he had arrived at a consensus on forming an alternative political agenda at the national level after holding wide-ranging deliberations with various stakeholders. Kumaraswamy welcomed KCR's plan.

Both leaders agreed that the "people of the country are waiting for an alternative political platform that will carry on the spirit of the Indian Constitution by integrating all communities irrespective of castes, religions and regions," a press release from Telangana Chief Minister's Office said.

"They arrived at a consensus that they should put an end to the BJP rule, which is exploiting emotional issues, and use the upcoming general elections as a platform for that," the statement said. Both agreed the Congress has failed as a viable alternative to the BJP at the Centre. KCR, who usually takes important decisions on Dussehra, is expected to launch his party on the festival day, which falls on October 5.

K Chandrashekar Rao (R) with H D Kumaraswamy in Hyderabad | EXPRESS

Scooterist falls into open drain, dies in B'luru

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A 23-year-old woman died, while her friend sustained grievous injuries after she lost control and rode her scooter, into an open drain in Banaswadi on Saturday night.

The deceased has been identified as Tara Badaiyak, who is from Nepal, while the injured is Dilip Kumar (38). Both used to live in HBR Layout. Tara, who had come to the city a few years ago, was working as a cook in an apartment.

Tara

The police said the incident occurred around 12.30 am on Sunday when Tara and Kumar were going to Hennur on her scooter to meet their friends. Tara lost control and fell into the open drain. She sustained severe head injuries, and was rushed to a private hospital where the doctors declared her brought dead. Kumar received treatment as an outpatient.

"A case of rash and negligent driving has been registered against Tara. However, we are probing why the drain was not covered, and BBMP officials will be questioned," said an official of Banaswadi traffic police.

A FLOOD OF IDEAS

BIG PICTURE ... Lessons to be learnt from B'luru deluge | P4

EXPRESS READ

Modi in Uzbekistan on Sept 15, 16 for SCO Summit

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Uzbekistan on September 15, 16 to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit where leaders are expected to review the grouping's activities over the past two decades and discuss the prospects of multilateral cooperation. During the summit, the leaders are expected to review the organisation's activities over the past two decades.

'TIME TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS OF OUR SCIENTISTS' | P7

KMF decides to hike 'Nandini' milk price by ₹3

Belagavi: The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) on Sunday decided to hike the 'Nandini' milk price by ₹3/L. The decision was unanimously taken at an annual general body meeting of KMF which was held in Bengaluru recently. All the 14 district cooperative milk producers societies of KMF wanted a hike in price. The proposal will now be presented before the government.

Ram Temple to cost ₹1,800 crore

Ayodhya: An estimated Rs 1,800 crore will be spent on building the Ram temple in Ayodhya, officials of the trust responsible for the construction of the structure said on Sunday. The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, formed on Supreme Court's orders for the construction of the temple in Ayodhya, approved its rules and manual after a marathon meeting at the Faizabad Circuit House.

GANGSTER'S RECCE TO BUMP OFF SALMAN

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

EVER since Punjab rapper Shubhdeep Singh a.k.a Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead in moving car on May 29 last, there was speculation that actor Salman Khan, too, was on the hit list of the assassins.

Corroboration to the plot came from the police interrogation of a suspect arrested on Saturday in the Moosewala murder case. Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav identified him as Kapil Pandit, who was nabbed along with two others near the Indo-Nepal border in West Bengal.

Kapil claimed he along with Sachin Bishnoi and Santosh Yadav had done multiple recces of Salman's movements in Mumbai to plan a strategy to kill him. They were hired by gangster Lawrence Bishnoi for the hit job, he added.

"We will corroborate their statements, do further probe and then get in touch with the Mumbai Police. If need be, we may send our team to Mumbai also," DGP Yadav said.

"Kapil revealed that he jumped parole in 2021 and has been absconding ever since. He is an accused in a murder case in his native village in Rajasthan. It was then that the Bishnoi gang approached him through Sampat Nehra and Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar to bump off Salman," Yadav added.

Before gunning down Moosewala, Kapil confessed he had done similar recce of the singer at the behest of the Bishnoi gang to avenge the killing of Vicky Middukhera.

On the plot to eliminate Salman, Kapil claimed he and his associates had been to Mumbai last year and stayed there for about three months. They used a car and a bike to track Salman's daily movements in collaboration with Sampat Nehra. They didn't have any weapons on them during the recce, another police officer said on condition of anonymity.

Earlier in June last, gangsters sent a threat letter to Salman and his father Salim Khan, warning that both of them would soon meet Moosewala's fate.

In all, 23 suspects have been arrested in the Moosewala murder case so far.

Salman Khan

Sidhu Moosewala

Joint police ops

Kapil Pandit was arrested along with Deepak Mundi and Rajinder alias Joker in Punjab Police's joint operation with Delhi Police as they were planning to escape to Dubai via Nepal on fake documents. Goldy Brar had promised to send them out of India

SURROGATE ADVERTISING

Ex-cricket World Cup stars endorse product linked to online betting firm

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

WHEN Deepak Hooda was dismissed for three against Sri Lanka at the Asia Cup on Tuesday, the over-the-top arm of the Indian broadcaster showed an ad of a betting company. 1xBet. It appeared as a pop-up on the bottom of the screen. Underneath the logo, were the words 'professional sportsblog'. On the right extreme of the pop-up ad was World Cup winner Yuvraj Singh, who has been promoting the company's 'professional sports blog' on Twitter since last December. That, of course, wasn't the only instance of 1xBet being shown on the OTT platform. It's made several appearances during the Asia Cup and during the fifth Test between India and England earlier this year. Suresh Raina, too, has been promoting the brand's 'professional sportsblog' on his Twitter handle (the 'professional sportsblog' is a surrogate).

What's significant about the Asia Cup is that it's the first instance of a betting company as well as the OTT in question veering away from an advisory that was issued by the ministry of Information and Broadcasting in June. "... advertisements of online betting are misleading, and do not appear to be in strict conformity with the Consumer Protection Act 2019, Advertising Code under the Cable Television Networks Regulation Act, 1995, and advertisement norms under the norms of Journalistic Conduct laid down by the Press Council of India under the Press Council Act, 1978. In light of the above and having regard to the larger public interest involved, the print and electronic media is advised to refrain from publishing advertisements of online betting platforms."

At the just-concluded Asia Cup, there were prominent ads by '1xBet, professional sportsblog' a surrogate of '1xBet'. The sportsblog is endorsed by 2011 World Cup winners Yuvraj Singh and Suresh Raina

Also, 1xBet raises several red flags. In 2019, the UK regulator opened a probe before suspending all UK operations. Per a *The Times*, London, investigation, the betting company, founded in Russia, was indulging in several illegal activities including but not limited to a 'pornhub casino'. It also took bets on children's games.

The company has also run into trouble with regulators elsewhere. There was such a big backlash in the UK that three Premier League clubs, Chelsea, Liverpool and Tottenham, had to cancel existing deals with the company.

When contacted by this daily, the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), expressed their concern. "Prima facie some of these ads may be in violation of the laws of different states as gambling is a state subject," Manisha Kapoor, CEO and secretary agency of ASCI, an agency that sets out guidelines for advertising across different spheres, told said in a statement.

"The MIB advisory has also asked broadcasters to refrain from this."

By and large, online betting is illegal in the country, so ads of this nature violate laws (there are a few exceptions because gambling or betting is a state subject). Raina and Yuvraj did not respond to queries. The OTT did not respond either.

KPCC working president R Dhruvanarayana challenged CM Basavaraj Bommai to order a CBI probe into the corruption allegations he made against CLP leader Siddaramaiah, at the Janaspandana programme at Doddaballapura recently

A FLOOD OF IDEAS ...LESSONS TO BE LEARNT FROM BENGALURU DELUGE

TEAM TNIE

WATER has memory and it knows how to reclaim its space. This trait of water was what made Bengaluru hit headlines nationally and internationally over the last week, again for all the wrong reasons.

The massive flooding in the IT hub triggered a blame game between politicians and influential people. Locals, experts and officials on the ground pointed out that inundation was limited to 5-8 sqkm in the city and it was mainly because of poor planning, encroachment of lakes, lake beds and drains. The government ordered clearing of encroachments on water bodies and rajakaluves, while experts and locals said it should have been done a long time ago, instead of announcing the Akrama Sakrama scheme, which regularises illegal constructions. Experts suggested that other cities should learn from the catastrophe in Benglauru and ensure a well-defined green belt and well-protected water bodies to prevent flooding.

A senior Urban Development Department official said flooding is not new to Bengaluru. It happened at Bommanahalli in 2017, at ST Bed in 2018, in some areas of Mahadevapura in 2019 and different parts of the same area in 2022.

This is because rules have been flouted and compromises made while allowing constructions and designing areas. There is no "one size fits all" solution. While water bodies and green zones should be maintained, one should understand the uniqueness of each city, the official said. "Bengaluru has no natural lakes or rivers. It had four large natural valleys, while lakes were constructed to prevent flooding. But over the years, the valleys have been encroached upon and lakes filled up to build residential areas, commercial spaces and utilities. Now, only 58 km of drains and 189 live tanks have survived. Bengaluru should learn from other cities, while others too can pick lessons from here," he added.

Last week's heavy downpour handicapped the IT corridor in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

Civic expert Ashwin Mahesh said that politicians and officials cannot say they did not expect flooding. "We have been hearing about climate change for over 10 years. Heavy rainfall patterns and droughts were seen globally. Why was there no planning? The political system is in a bad shape and it will only get worse. If you leave it to politicians this is what happens. What should be learnt from flooding is that the land use pattern should not be tampered with," he said.

Srinivas Alavilli, Head, Civic Participation, Janaagraha, listed five lessons that others can learn from Bengaluru. Master plan should be prepared and upgraded with all the zones identified and maintained, lakes should be revived and utilised as prime sources of drinking water and storm water drains should be sewage free, laws should be enforced stringently and officials punished for violating norms and clearing projects.

HASSAN

Recently, Satya Mangala Layout, one of the biggest residential areas in Hassan city turned into an island because of unscientific development of roads and drainage. The urban local body has taken decades to set right the problems in new localities. Hassan Municipality Commissioner Parameshwarappa said the CMC has come up with new regulations that are followed strictly while issuing licences for new buildings. Engineers and revenue officials strictly supervise under-construction buildings in commercial hubs. Hassan Urban Development Authority Commissioner Ramesh said officials clear files and issue work orders only after inspecting the sites, where owners should produce the documents and plan. But locals said that rules continue to be violated, illegal structures are still mushrooming and flooding continues to be reported in many areas.

UDUPI

Dr Raghavendra Holla, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal said, "Improper road expansion and relaying is one of the reasons for flooding. Policy makers should study the topography and drainage patterns properly, identify bottlenecks and notify them. Installation of collection tank and pumps can also be the solution." Udupi CMC Commissioner Uday Shetty said that since storm water drains were desilted before monsoon, there was no flooding this time.

BELAGAVI

This monsoon, unlike earlier years, there was no flooding of low-lying areas like Vivekanand Colony, Shastri Nagar and adjacent areas in Belagavi. The flooding was avoided with proper planning by experts, who coordinated with Belagavi City Corporation officials. Balkrishna Godse, president, Swami Vivekanand Welfare Association, Belagavi said hurdles in the flow of water into drains and improper vents for rainwater to drain out are the main reasons for floods.

SHIVAMOGGA

As compared to the last four to five years, flooding in Shivamogga city reduced significantly this year. As some areas still get flooded, the city corporation and Smart City project officials are taking measures to contain it. The construction of a retaining wall along the Tunga river prevented overflowing of water into areas along the river. Corporation Commissioner Mayannga Gowda said flooding was avoided despite the city receiving four times the actual rainfall from May till date. This was because the corporation desilted storm water drains and linked drains and UGD.

HUBBALLI

Urban experts have been demanding the UDD and government to plan and take strict action against unscientific and illegal layouts and buildings in Hubballi. In 2019, the rajakaluve was flooded following outflows from Unkal lake. A couple of bridges on the drain were washed away and many residential areas inundated. Residents have been urging civic authorities and the government to find a permanent solution.

MANGALURU

Social worker Suresh Udupa said Mangaluru gets flooded as untreated sewage water gets accumulated at Paddodi dam. Also, the width of rajakaluves has shrunk from 21 ft to 6 ft. For the last 15 years, there was no flooding in Kottara Chowki, but now the area gets inundated even if it rains for half-an-hour. This is because of the construction of elevated roads by NHAI and urbanisation. Mangaluru City Corporation Commissioner Akshay Sridhar said storm water drains should be clearly marked on maps and proper buffer areas maintained around drains.

KOLAR

Chikkaballapur Saswatha Neeravari Horata Samithi president Anjaneya Reddy said rajakaluve encroachment is the main reason for water clogging in Kolar and Chikkaballapur. The government should form an independent body headed by a senior officer to clear encroachments on drains and lakes and strengthen lake bunds.

(Bosky Khanna & Manju Shettar- Bengaluru; Udaya Kumar BR- Hassan; Prakash Samaga- Udupi; Tushar A Majukar- Belagavi; Ramachandra Gunari- Shivamogga; Arunkumar Huralimath- Hubballi; Divya Cutinho- Mangaluru; V Velayudham- Kolar/ Chikkaballapur)

Documents to check when buying property

1. Check revenue records to confirm land details
2. Insist on survey maps to know details of encroachment
3. Verify maps, records with government offices
4. Every property and layout should be away from lake buffer zone
5. Check from the proper building plan.
6. NOC from the civic authorities a must
7. Check if it's a low-lying area
8. Consult with registered architects/planners about area

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Mehnat kare murga, anda khaye fakir

Union Roads and Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari** is known to quote funny anecdotes during his speeches. While on a two-day visit to Bengaluru, he commented on the praise he has got for the good work done. He said that none other than US Vice-President Kamala Harris called him up and appreciated him for building world-class highways. "My wife was amused. But the credit should have gone to engineers and contractors. Mehnat kare murga, anda khaye fakir," said Gadkari with a grin.

Going for for apples, not garland

Get apples to keep your workers healthy? KPCC president **DK Shivakumar** was in Ballari to hold a preparatory meeting for the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra. When Shivakumar arrived, he was greeted with a massive garland of not flowers, but juicy red apples. Even as it was being lowered using a crane as it was really heavy, there was a sudden surge of crowd towards the party president... not to greet and meet the leader, but to grab as many apples as possible. The pillaging continued till not a single fruit was left of the garland.

Beyond ideology

The first Kannadiga to win a national award for playback singing, **G Subramanya** also known as Shivamogga Subbanna, passed away recently. The legendary singer was a known Leftist, but was beyond ideologies. The proof was that Rightist Prime Minister Narendra Modi too mourned his death and offered his condolences to the family.

Siddu slams govt over handling of floods

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@ Bagalkot

VENTING his ire against the BJP government, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah on Sunday asserted, "The district in-charge ministers are confined to taking part in the celebration of national festivals and are least bothered about the flood situation in their respective districts."

While taking part in a religious ceremony in Jamkhandi on Sunday, Siddaramaiah said, "Even after five days of Guledagudda and Badami recording the highest rainfall of 100 mm and 92 mm, respectively, and being hit by floods – the district in-charge minister has not visited the flood-hit areas. They have limited themselves to participating in national festivals."

Taking a dig at Minister for Large and Medium-Scale Industries Murugesh Nirani, Siddaramaiah alleged, "Nirani is busy acquiring land of innocent farmers. He is on foreign tours, instead of responding to the problems of flood-affected people. Though there are two cabinet ministers in the state, none of them bothered to address the grievances of the flood-affected region."

Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah lays the foundation for a slew of development works in Badami on Sunday | EXPRESS

"Janaspandana means responding to the people. However, the BJP leaders seem to have disappeared. Is this the way they respond to the people in floods? Is this called Janaspandana," asked Siddaramaiah.

"As many as 18 out of 31 districts have been affected by floods in the last four months. Farmers await compensation at the earliest. Because of heavy showers, thousands of hectares of crops lay damaged, houses have partially or fully collapsed, and roads are in a bad state. Instead of addressing these issues, the ministers are busy dancing at rallies," he chided.

"I am perplexed why the BJP is raising issues of the Congress regime, which was at the helm between 2013 and 2018 in the state. Even they were in the Opposition, when we were in power. Why were they silent for three long years," he asked.

Staffers of Vidhana Soudha ready the House, a day ahead of the monsoon session | EXPRESS

Will tackle issues Oppn raises: Minister

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THE major point of discussion will be the flooding of IT-BT corridors in Bengaluru last week and that of Mysuru-Bengaluru highway a few days ago. JDS Magadi MLA A Manjunath had alleged that the project has been executed unscientifically and it involves a Rs 800 crore scam. "We had tried to raise the issue in the previous session during the question hour, but the Speaker managed to stop us," he had said.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhu Swamy said the government is prepared to tackle any issue raised by the opposition. "If they cross their limit, we will also raise the issue of corruption during the Congress party government led by Siddaramaiah," he added. Bommai had earlier said that a bill to set up a separate authority to manage Bengaluru traffic, as advised by Union Roads and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, will be introduced. Another seven to eight bills are also likely to be tabled.

Nagesh questions Siddu over bribery allegations

ENS @ Bengaluru

EDUCATION Minister BC Nagesh has hit out at Congress leader Siddaramaiah for his tirade against the State Government.

On Saturday, the Leader of Opposition targeted Nagesh, questioning what portion of the bribes alleged by RUPSA had gone to him. "RUPSA has written to PM Narendra Modi on the corruption in the education department. It seems that the department which had given permission to private schools after taking bribe is asking for bribe to cover up the illegality. What is the proportion of Nagesh in this?" he asked on social media.

In response, Nagesh accusing Siddaramaiah of allowing schools to run illegally under his tenure as CM. "What is the role of Siddaramaiah in allowing many schools to be started unofficially and abetting illegality by not making rules to issue NOC to start private CBSE schools during his tenure," he questioned.

Prices rising, Bengaluru sinking, still Janaspandana held: Priyank to Bommai

BENGALURU: Despite prices rising, Bengaluru sinking and unemployed youth angry, the BJP went ahead with its Janaspandana to celebrate three years of party government in the state, criticised Congress leader **Priyank Kharge**, here on Sunday. Even the meagre list of achievements given by CM Basavaraj Bommai is a bundle of lies, he said. "Bommai claimed that over 20 lakh students have benefited from the Vidyanidhi scheme. But it was launched only last month. According to government data, not more than 10 lakh have applied," Kharge said. The government announced that 150 hostels will be constructed for Scheduled Castes and minorities at Rs 259 crore, but the government should check its budget before making such announcements, he said. The government claimed that 50,000 jobs were created, but still 30,056 youth committed suicide in 2021, which is as per the central government data, he said. **ENS**

Pro-Hindutva activist threatened, youth held

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@ Mangaluru

DAKSHINA Kannada district police have arrested a 21-year-old man for allegedly threatening Prashanth Poonja, a resident of Bellare village in Sullia taluk.

Abdul Saprith alias Abdul Safriz, a member of SDPI, was arrested from Bellare village. According to a complaint filed by Prashanth, a manager of a lodge, he received a call from the accused on Saturday who abused him.

The accused is the brother of Shafiq, an accused in the murder of BJP youth wing leader Praveen Nettaru while Prashanth is a pro-Hindutva activist. Pro-Hindutva group members after learning about the incident, gathered in front of Bellare police station.

SP of Dakshina Kannada district Rishikesh Sonawane said that the accused has been booked under IPC sections 504, 506 (criminal intimidation) after a court permission was obtained, and he has been arrested. "It is a case of mischief and there was no death threat. They engaged in a verbal spat, and no personal rivalry is involved, nor is there any connection to the Praveen Nettaru case," he clarified.

Dakshina Kannada BJP president Sudarshan M demanded action against the accused and urged the police to keep a watch on SDPI members.

HONOURING DUTY

Solatium to martyred foresters hiked to ₹50 lakh: Bommai

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@ Bengaluru

FOREST department staff who lose their lives while on duty will receive a compensation of Rs 50 lakh, up from Rs 30 lakh, announced CM Basavaraj Bommai here on Sunday. After paying respects to martyred forest officials on the National Forest Martyrs Day-2022, organised by the Forest Department, Bommai said his predecessor BS Yediyurappa had hiked the solatium from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 30 lakh and it will go up to Rs 50 lakh now.

Besides, the government will also provide jobs on compassionate grounds to family members of martyred officers. "You protect the forest, the government will protect you," he said.

Plans are afoot to increase the forest cover from 21 per cent to 30 per cent in the state. Karnataka has over 4 lakh hectares of barren land where afforestation can be done, while native species can be planted in hilly regions. This can be the best gift to the next generation and a new model will be evolved to increase the forest cover, Bommai said.

Karnataka was the first state to present an environment budget and Rs 100 crore has been allocated. The government has given the approval for the action plan, while an afforestation programme will be taken up at Rs 100 crore. A special plan has been chalked out to conserve ecologically sensitive areas, he said. Bommai asked the forest department to strive towards reducing man-animal conflicts. The maximum number of incidents involve elephants and the government has released Rs 100 crore to evolve a system to protect people. The experiment of putting a fence is going on at Bandipur, he said.

Foresters march at the National Forest Martyrs Day at Aranya Bhavan, in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik is slated to ring the opening bell of Bombay Stock Exchange during his three-day tour of Mumbai beginning from Tuesday. He will visit the commercial capital of the country as part of an investors' meet scheduled on September 14

Senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Shashi Tharoor and others during the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kerala on Sunday. The day's second leg of the yatra started from Moonnukallinmoodu and culminated at Nemom | EXPRESS

RAHUL'S BHARAT JODO YATRA ENTERS KERALA

Finishes tour of Kanniyakumari in TN and enters second state

CYNTHIA CHANDRAN @ T'puram

RAHUL Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra entered Kerala to a rousing welcome at Parassala on Sunday, with senior state Congress leaders making a beeline to greet him. However, it was Shashi Tharoor who stole the show with the national media chasing him for a bite all through the course of the Yatra. Waving tricolour, scores of people including children lined up on both sides of the road as Rahul, clad in a white t-shirt, navy blue pants and sky blue sneakers, reached Parassala at 7:15am after touring Kanyakumari district over the last four days.

Kerala State Congress president K Sudhakaran, Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan, senior leaders Oommen Chandy and Ramesh Chennithala, MPs Tharoor, K Muraleedharan, Benny Behanan, M K Raghavan and Kodikunnil Suresh, and national general secretary in charge of Kerala Tariq Anwar were among the leaders who gathered to greet Rahul.

However, it was Tharoor who was the centre of attraction, and he apparently enjoyed the attention. Tharoor later told TNIE that the current focus should be on the Yatra. He said he is happy after the AICC election authority chairman Madhusudan Mistry allayed his fears on the lack of transparency in the party's presidential election. "There are 12 more days left for the Congress presidential election. I will think then on whether I would contest or not," he said.

Rahul treaded the 14km stretch from Parassala to Ooruttukala in Neyyattinkara, and camped at Madhavi Mandiram, which Mahatma Gandhi had visited on January 14, 1937 during his Kanyakumari visit. It was the house of Dr G Ramachandran, freedom fighter and secretary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Jairam Ramesh, Congress national general secretary (communications), said, "Congress is seeking to flag economic disparities, social polarisation and political centralization. BJP and RSS's ploy is to divide the country. Congress has always believed in unity in diversity. Today, unity is being threatened. Hence we have launched Bharat Jodo Yatra and it is not aimed at the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," he said.

TAKING A DIG

AP ministers, Speaker slam Naidu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

DAYS after Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy reportedly pulled up some of his Cabinet colleagues for not effectively countering the Opposition propaganda against the government, at least five ministers launched a vitriolic attack on TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday. Assembly Speaker Tammineni Sitaram too joined the rhetoric. Jagan, during the last Cabinet meeting, had asked his Cabinet colleagues to give a strong reply to the Opposition criticism against the government schemes.

Leading from the front was I&PR Minister Ch Srinivasa Venugopala Krishna who went on to say that Naidu, who failed to fulfil the promises he made to the the people, did not have the right to continue in politics.

In Tadepalli, another minister Meruga Nagarjuna detailed the welfare schemes launched by the YSRC government for the SCs and how the previous government had gone back on implementing the schemes meant for them. "Naidu is a traitor of SCs. He opposed allotment of lands to SCs in Amaravati," he said.

Sa Ra Mahesh files defamation case against Rohini Sindhuri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

TUSSLE between MLA **Sa Ra Mahesh** and IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri ceases to end as the JDS leader has filed a civil and criminal defamation case against the former deputy commissioner of Mysuru.

Revealing this during a press meet here on Sunday, Mahesh said he is taking such a move as the IAS officer had accused him of land grabbing and encroachment and tried to damage his political career with her defamatory statements on social media.

"She also tried to project her transfer was due to pressure mounted by land grabbers. She was moved out for messing up the Covid-19 situation in the district by hiding the mortality and death data," said Mahesh.

The former minister said though the regional commissioner has given him a clean chit in the case and the government is probing the case, now I have filed a civil and criminal defamation suit.

Advocate S Arunkumar of Pragabhi Law association said he has filed the case in the court of second additional district session seeking damage of ₹1 crore from the IAS officer.

Rohini Sindhuri who is currently serving as the commissioner of Hindi Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments department is asked to file her reply by October 20.

UMBRELLA PROTEST

Thousands of government contractual employees, including teachers, protest demanding abolition of Odisha government's contractual appointment rules, in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

'Dog island': NGOs solution to dog menace

ENS @ Kochi

AS cases of stray dog bites are getting reported from all parts of Kerala, Better Kochi Response Group (BKRG), an NGO, has come up with an out-of-the-box solution to rid Kochi of the menace of stray dogs — catch the dogs in and around the city and put them in an uninhabited island near Kochi, where they can be sheltered and looked after. "Take an uninhabited island (there are few near Marine Drive). One of them is Deepu Sagar island, which lies between Bolgatty and Willingdon islands. It is uninhabited," said S Gopakumar, president of BKRG.

"Concentrate on catching female dogs first, and test them for any infection. Bring all these female dogs first and leave them there. Make sure they get water and food. Slowly you introduce male dogs too into the island after they are sterilised through the ABC programme," Gopakumar said. Finally, the island will have male and female dogs but the number will not increase since the male dogs are sterilised. He said the government should provide boats and other arrangements for transporting food to the island.

WOMAN WASHED AWAY IN SOUPARNIKA RIVER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

A 43-year-old woman from Kerala is suspected to have drowned in the Souparnika river in Kollur. The woman, identified as Chandi Shekar, is a resident of Thiruvananthapuram.

According to sources, she had come to Kollur along with her husband Murugan and son Adityan for Onam holidays and they stayed in a guest house. Murugan on Sunday evening tried to take bath at the bathing point near the river and was washed away. Seeing that, Adityan jumped into the water to save his father. However, he was washed away too. Chandi tried to rescue both. However, she drowned and was nowhere to be traced. Locals saved both Murugan and Adityan.

Kollur police Sub-Inspector Iranna Shiragumpi told *TNIE* that search operation continued on Sunday with the help of Fire and Emergency Services Department. "The river is in full spate. We searched for the missing woman since morning on Sunday. But she was not traceable," he said.

Actor-politician Krishnam Raju passes away at 83

MURALI KRISHNA @ Hyderabad

RENOWNED Telugu film actor and former Union Minister of State for Defence and External Affairs **Uppalapati Krishnam Raju** breathed his last at a Hyderabad hospital at 3.25 am on Sunday after a prolonged illness. He was 83.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters. He was also the paternal uncle of actor Prabhas with whom he last shared screen space in 'Radhe Shyam'. He won three Nandi Awards and has been honoured with the Raghupathi Venkaiah Award in 2014.

The Tollywood veteran had been in and out of the hospital for the last one year and his family had hoped that he would get better.

The veteran actor, known to generations of movie buffs as the 'Rebel Star' for his portrayal of the intense, fiery performances in films like 'Katakataala Rudraiah', 'Rangoon Rowdy', 'Trishulam', 'Bobbili Brahmanna', and 'Tandra Paparayudu'. Raju and actor Chiranjeevi hail from the same village, Mogaltur in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

Raju also had a long stint in politics after he was elected to Lok Sabha in 1998 and 1999 from Kakinada and Narsapuram constituencies on a BJP ticket. Raju also served as the Union MoS for four years during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's term as the Prime Minister from 1999 to 2004. Interestingly, he was the first actor to serve as the Union Minister. In 2009, Raju quit BJP to join the Praja Rajyam Party launched by actor Chiranjeevi and contested unsuccessfully from the Rajahmundry parliamentary seat.

'K'taka devotees to donate shikara for Ram Mandir'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

SRI Vishwaprasanna Tirtha Swami of Sri Pejawar Mutt on Sunday said that devotees of Lord Rama from Karnataka will present the golden shikhara for the upcoming Sri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

The seer, one of the members of the Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Trust, made this announcement at its meeting in Ayodhya, said a communiqué from the mutt's office.

Presenting the golden shikhara from Karnataka, the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, would be an apt gesture, the seer informed the other trustees.

He said the shikhara would be designed to match the architecture of the temple with the help of devotees from Karnataka and be taken in a procession across the state under the banner of Vishwa Hindu Parishad before presenting it at the temple in Ayodhya, he added.

He also suggested that the trustees may undertake a nationwide yatra to invite people for the inauguration of the temple.

Consistency is key, says JEE Advanced topper

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU'S RK Shishir of the IIT Bombay zone has topped JEE Advanced 2022, whose results were announced on Sunday. Shishir secured 314 out of 360 marks. Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Shishir said that consistency helped him top the examination.

"I used to study from 6.30 am till 8 pm each day and take a 90-minute break. Every Sunday I would also attempt two mock tests to get used to the exam pattern," he said. However, he ensured that he slept for eight hours each day and would also play badminton or solve Rubik's Cube. He said it was crucial to not over stress and be consistent with the preparation. He aspires to get into IIT Bombay and pursue computer science and then open a startup and contribute to society. Advising future aspirants, he says, "Consistency will help them achieve good results and they should not get demotivated if results are not favourable," he added. He was elated seeing his parents' response to the results and said they were extremely happy and proud of him. He had also topped the pharmacy category in the Common Entrance Test (CET) and secured fourth rank in the engineering category.

India mourns Queen Elizabeth's demise

On a day India observed one-day state mourning in memory of Queen Elizabeth II, who died at Balmoral Castle in Scotland on September 8, the Tricolour flew at half mast across the country. (From left) The National Flag flies at half mast in Sanjeevayya park in Hyderabad on Sunday; the flag at Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MG Ramachandran Central Railway Station in Chennai and at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru | RVK RAO, ASHWIN PRASATH, SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Jumbo run: Elephant chases caretaker at Sakrebailu

A screengrab showing the incident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

AN elephant belonging to the Sakrebailu Elephant Camp tried to attack its caretaker on Friday, but the incident came to light on Sunday when a video of the incident went viral on social media.

The camp is situated near Gajanur, which is about 10 kms away from the city.

Manikantha, the male elephant, tried to attack its caretaker Khaleel and the incident was captured on a CCTV camera. The incident occurred when the mahout was routinely taking the elephant to the forest for grazing. The caretaker, who came on a bike, ran away and escaped unhurt.

A woman who was sitting in a car nearby also escaped unhurt.

Later, the elephant was tied with the help of other elephants. Sources said that Manikantha is known for his rude behaviour. It has also attacked other elephants too.

Recently, it tried to attack its mahout while the elephant was being given a bath at the Tunga backwaters.

Four arrested for throwing footwear at religious place

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

A group of miscreants threw footwear at a mosque in Siruguppa of Ballari district on Saturday night during a Ganesha immersion procession.

Soon after the video went viral on social media, the police nabbed four youth and registered a case. The police are strictly monitoring social media sites and have asked people not to share provocative videos.

The video shows the procession moving slowly and when it reaches the mosque, the police surround the procession to control the mob. Suddenly, a youth throws a footwear at the mosque. The video has been recorded by some locals.

Additional Director General of Police Alok Kumar tweeted: "We have secured the accused persons. Appropriate legal action is being taken against them".

Ballari Superintendent of Police Saidulu Adavath confirmed the incident. The arrested are Nitesh Kumar (22), who threw the footwear, and his friends Bhimanna (23), Ashok (22) and Anjeneyalu (21).

"Based on the video footage, Siruguppa town police immediately arrested four youths. A case has been registered in the town police station. The situation is completely under control and we are keeping an eye on social media posts. If any violence and communal clash-related posts are shared on social media, we will take strict action," he added.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

Biker crashes into median at Kundalahalli, dies

BENGALURU: A 50-year-old employee of a private company died while his friend escaped with minor injuries after he crashed into an electrical pole before hitting a road median. The incident, which was reportedly caused by reckless driving, took place in Kundalahalli near Varthur on Saturday night. The deceased is Ranjan Roy, who hailed from West Bengal, and his friend Krithika Singh escaped with minor injuries. Ranjan Roy was working as the managing director of a company. He had taken out Singh for dinner. The police said that around 2.30 am, when the duo was returning home after dinner, Roy was overspeeding, lost control, crashed into the road median and then into an electric pole. He suffered severe head injuries, and died on the spot. Singh was taken to a nearby hospital by Whitefield traffic police. ENS

45 kg laddu auctioned for Rs 9,99,999 in Andhra Pradesh

VIJAYAWADA: The laddu at the Gajuwaka 89-foot Ganesh idol in the Lanka grounds was auctioned on Sunday. Tippala Vamsi Reddy, corporator of 74th division, emerged as a successful bidder as he quoted a high price of ₹9,99,999. The 45 kg laddu was sponsored by the famous confectioner Sri Bhakta Anjaneya Suruchi Foods at Tapeswaram. Thousands of devotees gathered at the Lanka grounds to watch the auction and the immersion of the idol. The organisers preponed the laddu auction and the immersion of the idol from September 20 to Sunday after the police and other officials had advised them that the idol slightly tilted. ENS

EDITORIAL

Nature's creative power is far beyond man's instinct of destruction — Jules Verne

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

NOT THE TIME FOR THE DRAGON AND THE ELEPHANT TO DANCE

Till last Thursday, the biggest anticipated sideshow at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit at Uzbekistan due later this week was to be the first in-person one-on-one between Russian and Chinese Presidents Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping. Xi will be travelling out of China for the first time in over two years following pandemic restrictions, and he took Putin's side against the West in the ongoing Ukraine war, so their meeting decidedly is a big deal. But when news broke on the simultaneous disengagement of troops at the Gogra-Hot Springs friction point along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, speculation shifted to a Sino-Indian bilateral on the sidelines of the summit as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend it as well. While there is no official word on the bilateral yet, full disengagement at that point will be completed by Monday. With this, troop pullback would be complete at all friction points since the April 2020 PLA aggression; two other spots where the stand-off continues are because of legacy issues.

Does this mean the status quo ante, as in April 2020, demanded by foreign minister S Jaishankar to resume normal ties, has been restored? No. For, it is disengagement, not de-escalation. Disengagement means troops are no longer locked in an eyeball-to-eyeball situation and are pulled back by, say, a few kilometres on either side. The buffer so created would certainly help avoid any accidental skirmish. But the pulled-back troops and heavy artillery would be stationed just beyond that position. Over 50,000 soldiers are currently deployed on either side of the Western Ladakh border. Very large deployments are violative of bilateral accords in 1993 and 1996, so the border situation continues to be abnormal. To restore tranquillity, troops will have to move back to peace stations. In other words, disengagement is a welcome first step, and de-escalation is the goal.

India did well in staying neutral on the Ukraine war, earning grudging respect from the anti-West axis while stabilising its post-pandemic economy. In June last, Jaishankar told off Europe, saying India could capably manage China on its own. Just last week, it issued a detailed advisory, it perhaps would have otherwise avoided, on the pitfalls of pursuing higher studies in China. While there is no harm in exploring talks at the highest level, a thaw is achievable if it builds mutual trust, which is currently at its nadir.

TAMING THE DIGITAL LOAN SHARKS

No matter what you do, loan sharks refuse to go away. They come back in different forms, sometimes better equipped with technology and find smarter ways to circumvent rules. The cropping up of 'fraudulent' digital loan apps is the price the country is paying for fast digitisation and high mobile services penetration. While financial literacy in the country remains low, access to loans and other financial products is easier, thanks to mobile apps. Many shady fintech firms used the app to reach out to people needing easy loans. While signing up for them, the customers give access to their phone data—from pictures to contact lists. After loan disbursal, the borrower is 'blackmailed' into repaying the loans at exorbitant interest rates, sometimes ahead of the repayment schedule. There are cases where borrowers' morphed pictures were shared with their phone contacts to pressure them into repaying the 'loan' at the lender's terms and conditions. In some instances, harassed borrowers took their lives.

While the enforcement agencies have been cracking down on many such loan apps, it is time the government and various regulators come together to curb the unchecked growth of these app-based lending entities. The government and the RBI have woken up to this menace and recently announced a few steps—like coming up with a white list of authorised apps, cancelling the registration of dormant NBFCs and eliminating shell companies by RoC. The RBI also came out with digital lending guidelines to protect the data of borrowers using digital lending apps from being misused.

However, it must not be lost on the authorities that this war is to be fought on multiple fronts. App stores have a big part to play in ensuring they bar unscrupulous loan apps and ensure genuine-looking apps do not turn rogue. Unfortunately, app stores have expressed their inability to track the activities of the loan apps continuously. The government may have to think out of the box to deal with these criminals, who are not just technologically well-equipped, but may be financially savvy, too. Maybe, it is time for a separate grievance redressal cell that works and responds quickly to any financial frauds.

QUICK TAKE

SAVE ICUs FROM SUPERBUGS

Superbugs—antibiotic-resistant micro-organisms—have become a scourge in Indian hospital ICUs. They infect long-term ICU patients. The bugs can transmit to others too. Over a third of the infected cases turn fatal. A national hospital ICU survey monitored by AIIMS, Delhi and ICMR revealed the startling truth. But then, the authorities have known this since a 2011 survey. Ironically, solutions like disinfecting patients regularly and curbing irrational use of antibiotics are equally well-known. The latest survey results only point to the tardy implementation of safety practices. ICU patients are already sick. What they don't need are preventable infections.

Sri Aurobindo had a better understanding of the challenge that modernity posed to India as it was at once an ancient civilisation and a modern nation in the making

INDIA@75 AND SRI AUROBINDO'S "THREE MADNESSES"

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

SOURAV ROY

As we celebrate India@75, 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', we would do well also to remember Sri Aurobindo, whose 150th birth anniversary coincides with this important and auspicious date. In this regard it would be worthwhile to recall his letter from August 30, 1905, originally written in Bangla, to his wife, Mrinalini. Sri Aurobindo tries to prepare her for a difficult life ahead because he, self-confessedly, suffers from "three madnesses". What are these madnesses?

The first one is: "The accomplishments, genius, higher education and learning and wealth that God has given me are His." Sri Aurobindo's life will be one of renunciation, not catering to the pleasures and luxuries of himself and his family. He wants to help all of his countrymen and women: "In these dark days the whole country is seeking refuge at my door. I have three hundred million brothers and sisters in this country. Many of them are dying of starvation and the majority just manage to live, racked by sorrow and suffering. They too must be helped."

Sri Aurobindo wants his wife to share his ideal: "We will eat and dress like ordinary men, buying only what is truly needed and offering the rest to God." India is more prosperous than ever in living memory, but so much still needs to be done to alleviate basic poverty, undernourishment, and deprivation.

What can we as ordinary Indians do to alleviate this? If we follow the drift of Sri Aurobindo's "madness", we must—especially those of us who are privileged and better off—find ways and means of sharing our wealth and expertise with those who need it the most.

Sri Aurobindo's second madness is: "By whatever means I must have the direct vision of God." He wants little to do with conventional religion, like "praying in public, showing off how pious one is". Instead, he says, "If God exists, there must be some way to experience His existence, to meet Him face to face." He adds: "The Hindu religion declares that the way lies in one's own body, in one's own mind."

Though he began as a rabid atheist and agnostic as a Cambridge undergraduate, he is now convinced of the truth of the Hindu religion: "Within a month I have realised that what the Hindu religion says is not false. I am experiencing in myself the signs of which it speaks." Again, he asks his wife to join him in the quest.

Can we, in present-day India, also have a similar passion to experience the Divine first-hand rather than falling prey to the increasingly raucous religiosity that surrounds us?

But it is his third madness which is most pertinent to our understanding of the spirit of the nation: "My third madness is that while others look upon their country as an inert piece of matter—a few meadows and fields, forests and hills and rivers—I look upon my country as the Mother. I adore Her, I worship Her as the Mother." Furthermore, "What would a son do if a demon sat on his mother's breast and started sucking her blood? Would he quietly sit down to his dinner, amuse himself with his wife and children, or would he rush out to deliver his mother?"

After this comes the astonishing declaration of the 35-year-old Sri Aurobindo, then in the service of Sayajirao Gaekwad III, the Maharaja of Baroda: "I know I have the strength to deliver this fallen race. It is not physical strength, - I am not going to fight with sword or gun, - but the strength of knowledge. ... This feeling is not new in me, it is not of today. I was born with it, it is in my very marrow. God sent me to earth to accomplish this great mission."

What is more, Sri Aurobindo says he will yet bring thousands and thousands of others onto that same path. He adds: "I do not say that the work will be accomplished during my lifetime, but it certainly will be done."

Now that India has attained not just political independence, but a considerable measure of economic self-reliance and military strength, what can we learn from Sri Aurobindo about how to make India great once again?

Our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, said in his Independence Day address on August 15 earlier this year that 25 years from now, when India reaches the centenary celebrations of its independence, it will be an "amrit kaal"—an ambrosial epoch for our nation.

But the question remains—how? More specifically, what can we, the ordinary citizens and common folk of India, do? How can we contribute to the great task of bringing to fruition India's unfinished renaissance?

It seems to me that the first order of day is to participate in a collective *yajna*—a consecration—which is what we can call national yoga. National yoga, it is obvious, is very different from national ego. The latter is only a glorified version of an individual and tribal ego, leading to narrow-minded chauvinism, not a broadening of our horizons.

Even a hundred years ago, Sri Aurobindo had a better understanding of the challenge that modernity posed to India. For India was at once an ancient civilisation and a modern nation in the making. Sri Aurobindo envisaged and fought not only for *purna swaraj* or the complete independence of India, but also showed the way for an Indian renaissance.

Such a renaissance would not imply mere glorification of the Hindu past or attempts to go back to it or reconnect with it after the devastating attack and destruction during the interregnum of Islamic rule. Rather, a true renaissance implied a new creation—a fresh impetus with innovative ideas—through the proper understanding of both the Indian past and of Western modernity.

What can we learn from Sri Aurobindo's thought that will take us forward as ordinary citizens and co-creators of our own *Swaraj*? The next part of this essay will address this question.

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A CLEAR CASE OF COMMON SENSE

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

This week I thought I'd retell an amusing story from the *Hitopadesa*, a Sanskrit compendium from a thousand years ago. It is not particularly 'moral' but tells us that brains are democratic in distribution. 'Hit' means 'welfare' and 'upadesa' means 'advice'. The book is a paean to common sense and mother wit, and was once a ticking part of Indian oral tradition. Its author signed himself simply as 'Narayana'. He said that he was indebted to the *Panchatantra*, which was written by Vishnu Sharman to teach some sense to five dull young princes.

Narayana mentioned that he too had written these tales for a similar reason at the behest of a king called Dhavalchandra. Nothing more is known about that but Narayana's tales have endured to instruct the willing in a number of regional languages. This ancient anthology also proved popular with the Mughals and the British, who commissioned translations from the Sanskrit into Persian and English respectively.

The heroine of this story, for our purpose, is a young, independent girl, a village curd-seller who kept a number of cows. Let's call her 'Chatura', meaning 'clever'. Chatura lived with her old mother. One peaceful afternoon, she stretched herself out on a grass mat near her snoozing mother. She had barely closed her eyes when a terrible sound broke out. "Dang! Dang! Dang!" it went unceasingly as though a wild, disorderly force was ringing a giant bell.

Chatura ran out at once as did the other villagers. They stood in a huddle looking towards where the sound came from. "The forest!" said the headman at last, feeling that some direction was due from him. "It's a demon in the forest," said the priest. "That's why we found that mysterious skeleton last month on Sriparvata Hill".

The big feudal lord came up with his soldiers. "Which brave man will go to the forest and kill the man-eating demon?" he bellowed above the din. "I have a reward for that hero."

But not one man was ready to venture out while the hideous sound came and went in terrifying snatches.

Nobody cared to hear Chatura's views. She tried to make her way to the headman to talk to him but the moment she said, "Please, Sir..." the men around him grew sarcastic and waved her away.

"This snip of a girl thinks she's cleverer than any of us!" said one of the headman's hangers-on. Chatura found that the men had closed ranks and looked angrily at her, a mere girl, for daring to interrupt their important councils.

Chatura retreated in silence. She set off alone into the forest to reconnoitre for she had the uncanny knack of preferring fact to fancy. Going carefully close to the sound of the bell, Chatura almost laughed aloud when she saw the 'demon'. It was a band of monkeys ringing a large iron bell.

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> Chatura went home grinning. She'd show those rude, bossy men what a girl could do. The next day she went boldly to the feudal lord's house and asked for an audience. "I can kill the demon for you, lordship. But it will cost at least a hundred gold coins for the enterprise," she said

"Why, I know that bell," she thought excitedly. "It's the one at the Brahmapur temple that was stolen last month. The thief must have made his way into the forest to hide. But they do say that tigers come to the forest sometimes. Perhaps he was eaten by a tiger and that was his skeleton they discovered? The monkeys must have found the bell and brought it away. And now they've begun playing with it."

Chatura went home grinning. She'd show those rude, bossy men what a girl could do. The next day she went up boldly to the feudal lord's house and asked for audience. "I can kill the demon for you, lordship. But it will cost at least a hundred gold coins for the enterprise," she said, bowing low and saluting the feudal lord.

"A girl like you! Well, why not, after all? None of the men want to go, and that menace must be got rid of, But I want your mother to come here and tell me in front of everybody that you have gone of your own free will and with her permission. I'll give you the money then," said the feudal lord.

Since Chatura had told her mother her plan, this formality was duly completed. The newly-appointed demon-killer went home with a bag of gold.

The next day, Chatura bought a sack of fruit, groundnuts and tender coconut halves. After praying to Lord Ganesha, she made her way back to the glade. She scattered the fruit and nuts around and stepped back to hide and watch. After a while, just as she hoped, the monkey band swung chattering into the glade with their new toy. Seeing the treats on the ground, they began to help themselves to it all while Chatura kept an eye on the big monkey who held the bell and seemed to be their leader. The big monkey soon joined his troop on the forest floor, fortunately dropping the bell at the edge of the glade.

Chatura raced around and quickly muffled its clapper with the empty sack. Hefting up the bell and keeping it close to her body, she stole home safely with her prize.

The next day, she and her mother dressed in their best clothes and proudly bore the bell to the feudal lord. Chatura told him a fine tale about how she had persuaded the demon to go away with gifts. The feudal lord, his henchmen and the whole village cheered Chatura. The bell was restored to the Brahmapur temple and Chatura and her mother were treated as guests of honour at the welcome-back ceremony.

Since no more bells were ever heard from the forest, and never a skeleton found, it was plain to the meanest intelligence that Chatura had done her job well. She was treated with the greatest respect after that and her fame spread to many villages around.

Only the priest cast a knowing glance at her from time to time but Chatura blandly ignored him; and we haven't forgotten her story all this while later.

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Cong weak, unity needed

The BJP's obsession of making India 'Congress-mukt' has, in some ways, helped the AAP and the TMC gain ground. They now see themselves as potential national Opposition parties. They seem to pin their hopes on the slight erosion in Modi's popularity instead of uniting. Nitish Kumar's efforts to unite the Opposition ought to be welcomed by them.
Capt Raju Mathai, Kochi

Let the 2024 games begin

As usual, Rahul Gandhi is a confused politician. By saying he is just a participant in 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', he perhaps expects people to rally around him and hail him as the leader of the Congress. He has tough competition. With stalwarts like Nitish, KCR and Mamata dipping their feet in the 2024 waters, the future is uncertain.
D Nagarjuna, Hyderabad

Bipin Rawat honoured

Apropos of *Cantonment named after former CDS* (Sept 11). That the Arunachal Pradesh government has named a military garrison and dedicated a road to India's first Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat is a great honour. CM Pema Khandu and Governor Brigadier B D Mishra (Retd) deserve adulation.
S Sathavu, Theni

Another BJP strategy

Apropos of *Muscular nationalism, pugnacious Bharat* (Sept 11). The Modi government is on a mission to erase the contributions of Nehru and the Congress in India's Independence and development. By placing Subhas Chandra Bose on an equal ground with Gandhi, the BJP is not really supporting his muscular nationalism—it is really just a subtle ploy to wrest West Bengal.
C V Aravind, email

Elizabeth's legacy

Apropos of *Farewell to a gracious Queen* (Sept 11) by Mike Jempson. She played a major role in shaping the UK economy and worked for the betterment of people around the world. She has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change.
Tithi Trivedi, Ujjain

Sorry state of society

The column, *Indian society needs to change its patriarchial ways* (Sept 10) is very apt, especially in the context of the Gujarat government's decision to release the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case. A pardon to a rapist for *any* reason undermines the status of women in society. The celebrations welcoming them are disturbing to say the least.
Madhavi Mishra, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sushil Kumar Modi @SushilModi
UK succession norms include oath to stay as a Protestant. The King must make oath to declare that he is a faithful Protestant. This is secularism?

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Haryana's BJP-JJP govt will soon make condition to pay bond of ` 40 lakh, in addition to the ` 4 lakh fee in a government medical college

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Sharp drop in sentiments of rural households appears more due to inability, not hesitancy to spend with stagnant or falling real earnings

Time to celebrate success of our scientists

AT a time when India is on the verge of leading the fourth industrial revolution, the role of India's science and people associated with this field is very important. In such a situation, the responsibility of the policymakers and those of us who are associated with governance and administration increases.

If we remember the early decades of the last century, we find how the world was going through a period of devastation and tragedy. But even at that time, scientists everywhere, whether in the East or the West, were engaged in significant discoveries. In the West, many such scientists like Einstein, Fermi, Max Planck, Niels Bohr and Tesla were surprising the world with their experiments.

In the same period, countless Indian scientists like C V Raman, Jagadish Chandra Bose, Satyendra Nath Bose, Meghnad Saha, S Chandrashekhar, among others, were coming forward with their new discoveries. All these scientists opened many avenues to improve the future. But a major difference between East and West was that we did not celebrate the work of our scientists as much as it should have been done. As a result, a sense of indifference developed in a large part of our society regarding science.

At every step, the scientists of our country are also giving us this opportunity through their discoveries. If India has been able to develop vaccines for corona and has been able to administer more than 200 crore vaccine doses, there is a huge potential of our scientists behind it.

I am happy that our government is moving ahead with the science-based development approach. Since 2014, there has been a substantial increase in investment in the field of science and technology. Due to the efforts of the government, India is ranked 46th in the Global Innovation Index today, whereas India was at 81 position in 2015. We have covered the distance from 81 to 46 in such a short time, but we do not have to stop here,

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

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we have to aim higher now. Today a record number of patents are being granted in India and new innovations are taking place.

Science, technology and innovation are in the DNA of today's young generation. They adapt to technology very fast. We have to support this young generation with all our might. In today's new India, new sectors are being opened up — Be it Space Mission, Deep Ocean Mission, National Super Computing Mission, Semiconductor Mission, Mission Hydrogen, Drone Technology. Special emphasis has also been laid in the new National Education Policy so that the education of science and technology can be made available to the students in their mother tongue.

We all have to work together on many fronts in this 'Amrit Kaal' to make India a global centre of research and innovation. We have to take our research related to science and technology to the local level. The need of the hour is that every state should focus on innovation to create local solutions according to their local problems.

Science also plays a big role in the circular economy, in recycling the waste products of our cities. To deal with every such challenge, it is necessary that every state should formulate and implement a modern policy related to science, innovation and technology.

The state governments should lay special emphasis on the creation of more and more scientific institutions and on simplification of processes. The number of innovation labs should also be increased in the institutions of higher education in the states. Today is the era of hyper-specialization. International level specialist laboratories are being established in the states. Our government is ready to help every state at the central level in this regard through the expertise of national institutions. Along with modern science labs in schools, we also have to step up the campaign to build Atal Tinkering Labs.

There are many national level scientific institutes and laboratories in the states. The states should take full advantage of their ability and expertise. We also have to take our science related institutions out of the state of silos. You should also increase the number of such programs in your states which take science and technology forward at the grassroots level.

POWER GAMES

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Family First

SCINDIA, VIJAYVARGIYA JOIN HANDS TO PROMOTE HEIRS

A newfound bonhomie between arch-rivals Jyotiraditya Scindia and Kailash Vijayvargiya has had the Madhya Pradesh political watchers racking their brains to figure out the reason for this realignment. Supporters of the two leaders had earlier come to blows when Vijayvargiya first challenged Scindia in the election for the post of Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA) president. The clash between the two groups was so fierce that the police resorted to lathi charge to help the authorities conduct the election. Scindia defeated Vijayvargiya. They have since remained at loggerheads. But developments in the last two weeks have baffled all. During an MPCA award ceremony at Indore earlier this month, Scindia surprised the who's who of the state's cricketing and political fraternity present on the occasion by walking down the dais to bring Vijayvargiya, who was sitting in the audience, onto the stage. Scindia along with his son Mahanaryaman also went for lunch at Vijayvargiya's residence at Indore. While initially their new equation was seen as the emergence of an axis within the state BJP, informed sources say the two leaders have decided to work together in the interest of their heirs. Scindia's son Mahanaryaman was recently appointed vice-president of the Gwalior Division Cricket Association. Scindia wants him to take over from him as the head of MPCA. For this, he needs the support of Vijayvargiya. For Vijaywargiya, who has been sidelined in the party, joining hands with Scindia would ensure the re-election of his son Akash as an MLA from Indore. The Scindias wield considerable clout in Indore by virtue of their close ties with the widely-respected Holkar royal family of Indore. State Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has heaved a sigh of relief on learning that the new alliance is not a ploy to target his chair. Both Scindia and Vijayvargiya are contenders for the post of the chief minister.

Karnataka Elections

BJP SEES RED AS YEDIYURAPPA PLAYS TRUANT

The BJP's first chief minister in south India, B S Yediyurappa, is not amused by the central leadership's decision to appoint him to the parliamentary board. He has been trying to persuade the central leaders to appoint his son B S Vijayendra as a minister in the state government. The party leadership has refused to oblige. He has reportedly been told that his son would be made deputy chief minister if he helps the party return to power. Yediyurappa says when his son is not being made a minister now, what is the guarantee that he would be made a deputy chief minister later? At one point he was so disappointed by the party's continued efforts to sideline him that he announced retirement from politics. Last year, he was asked to step down as the chief minister of Karnataka as the party felt his government had become unpopular and it may not be able to return to power under his leadership. The party's electoral fortunes have, however, failed to change even after his exit. Yediyurappa is by far the most popular leader among Karnataka's numerically strong Lingayat community which has largely supported the BJP over the years. This has forced the party to bring him back to a position of prominence. Sources said Yediyurappa continues to sulk as he and his family have been kept away from power politics and forced to live on the margins. Efforts are on by the party to persuade their Lingayat strongman. The fact that the party now realises his importance was also evident when Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his recent visit to Mangaluru, called Yediyurappa to the dais when he saw him sitting in the audience. Party's overtures notwithstanding, BSY appears in no mood to bring back a government in which he and his family would have no role to play.

Cong yatra plan triggers row as Kerala chosen over Guj, UP

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

AS Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra began its Kerala leg on Sunday from Thiruvananthapuram, the party received both bouquets and brickbats for its 19-day stay in the state. Though Congress leader Rahul Gandhi received a rousing welcome from supporters and party leaders, some in the ruling CPM feel that the grand old party should have focused its energy more on the BJP-ruled states such as Uttar Pradesh or Gujarat instead of spending over two weeks in Kerala, where the saffron party's presence is negligible.

During the Kerala schedule, Rahul is scheduled to travel 450 km, before entering Karnataka on Sept. 30, where he will spend 21 days before moving north.

Speaking to this daily, a CPM leader said that if the Congress is determined to fight BJP's divisive politics as it claims, then the yatra should be traversing for a longer time through Uttar Pradesh or Gujarat. According to the schedule, Rahul will be in Uttar Pradesh for two days, while Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, where elections are scheduled for later this year, will be skipped.

Responding to the criticism, former Karnataka chief minister and Congress leader Veerappa Moily said, "It is not an election campaign to travel through Gujarat or Himachal. The objective is to unite people from north to south irrespective of caste, class or religion. It's against BJP's divisive policies."

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party leaders during the Bharat Jodo Yatra at Parassala in Thiruvananthapuram on Sept. 11 | PTI

However, the CPM leader said that contrary to its claims, the Congress is only looking to retain its 19 Lok Sabha seats in 2024. "The Congress wants to consolidate its position in the south. The yatra is not about fighting the BJP or its anti-people policies. The real test lies in the north and Congress doesn't want to face it," he said.

Out of the 53 seats of the Congress in the Lok Sabha, 24 are from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala. In the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Congress got 19 out of 20 seats in Kerala.

Countering the allegations, Moily said that though BJP has zero seats in Kerala, the party harbours a broader purpose against divisive politics.

"It's not about Congress being strong or weak in a state, the message of national integration should be spread in the entire country," he added.

The tour began on Sept 7 and will cover 3,500 km from Kanyakumari to Kashmir in 150 days, moving through 12 states.

Explaining the reason for the time allocated to different states, Moily said it's an arduous task to cover the entire country "It will require a year," he said.

Speaking about the row over Rahul's meeting with a pastor in Tamil Nadu, he said the BJP is creating controversies out of thin air.

PM may meet Xi, Putin, Shehbaz on SCO summit sidelines in Samarkand

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is likely to have a meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Corporation Organisation (SCO) summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, which is being held on Sept 15-16. He is also likely to have meetings with the presidents of China and Iran, and a possible interaction with Pakistan's PM Shehbaz Sharif.

India and Russia have strong bilateral relations, despite the sanctions against the latter. India has not criticised Russia for the conflict in Ukraine, though it supports a resolution to the issue through dialogue. India has also increased import of crude oil from Russia from less than 1 per cent to nearly 10 per cent.

Besides, there are strong defence ties between the two nations, so a bilateral interaction with Putin is likely to happen.

There is also a possibility of Modi meeting Xi Jinping.

"With the announcement of the disengagement of Indian and Chinese troops in the Gogra-Hotspring region of eastern Ladakh, a meeting with Xi Jinping is likely," say sources.

During the summit, Iran is going to become a SCO member and President Ebrahim Raisi is expected to be there for the event. "India and Iran share strong trade ties. The value of trade between the two countries stood at $1.604 billion during the January-July 2022 period, registering a 49 per cent rise from the corresponding period of the previous year. The meeting between the two leaders is likely to take place on the sidelines of the event," say sources.

One of the most awaited interactions at the summit would be between Modi and Sharif.

"Though bilateral talks are unlikely, there could be a handshake and PM Modi may express concern about the floods in Pakistan," says an expert on India-Pakistan relations.

Meanwhile, Belarus has submitted its proposal to become a member of the SCO, which is expected to come up for discussion. Also likely to be discussed is the use of local currencies for trade instead of dollar.

FACE-TO-FACE IN SAMARKAND

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Babus pulled up for not joining central posting

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @New Delhi

WITH increasing instances of bureaucrats failing to join central deputation even after opting for the posts, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has started taking stringent action, including debarment from deputation and foreign assignments, against such officers. This year, Centre has debarred five officers after they refused to join central deputation.

The ministry on Sept 9 took action against Guru Prakash, a 1997-batch IRSE officer, after he refused to join as the chief vigilance officer (CVO) with the Ministry of Heavy Industries at Bengaluru.

Prakash was appointed as CVO, HMT Ltd at Bengaluru under the Ministry of Heavy Industries order dated May 13, 2022. However, he did not join the post within the prescribed time period. Therefore, he has been debarred from all kinds of central deputation (including Central Staffing Scheme) for a period of five years from the date of issuing orders of his appointment.

"Further, the officer would also be debarred from being given cadre clearance for being deputed on foreign assignments/consultancies abroad during the period of debarment," said a senior government officer.

Earlier this year, similar action was taken against four other officers — Akhilesh Kumar Jha, a 2003 batch IPS officer from Jharkhand; Shyam Kumar Verma, a 1994 batch IRSSE officer; Mahesh Deoram Akhande, a 2002 batch IRS officer; and Priya Ranjan Parhi, a 1997 batch IRTS officer.

All these officers were appointed as CVO at various ministries and departments, but they refused to join the assignments, leading to their debarment from central deputation and foreign assignments and consultancies abroad.

In June this year, the government had invited nominations for deputation to the posts under Central Staffing Scheme and for the posts of chief vigilance officer in Central Public Sector Enterprises as well as in other organisations under central ministries and departments. These deputations were for 24 places across the country.

'Judicial reforms needed to decongest prisons'

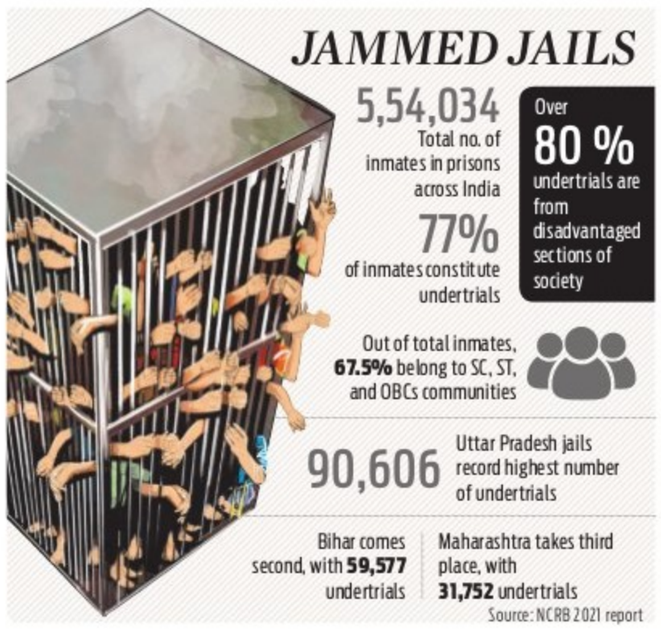
PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

EVEN as Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently proposed a Model Prison Act to improve the conditions in the country's jails by introducing state-of-the-art technology, data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows an unprecedented rise in the number of undertrials, which, activists and legal experts, say is mainly responsible for overcrowding in prisons.

According to the NCRB 2021 report, the number of total inmates in prisons across India stands at 5,54,034, out of which 77 per cent constitute undertrials, marking a 15 per cent increase from the previous year. The data also shows that occupancy in prisons has exceeded capacity at an alarming rate over the years.

Pendency in the judicial process is one of the main reasons for the rising number of undertrials, says former DGP Prakash Singh, who is known for highlighting the need for police reforms in India.

"As far as crowding is concerned, instead of building new jails, a better solution will be to find ways and means to release those whom we think can be freed. Prison reforms are not possible without judicial reforms and police reforms," says Singh.


JAMMED JAILS
5,54,034
Total no. of inmates in prisons across India
77%
of inmates constitute undertrials
Over 80 % undertrials are from disadvantaged sections of society
Out of total inmates, 67.5% belong to SC, ST, and OBCs communities
90,606
Uttar Pradesh jails record highest number of undertrials
Bihar comes second, with 59,577 undertrials
Maharashtra takes third place, with 31,752 undertrials
Source: NCRB 2021 report

Supreme Court lawyer and former Law Commission member Kirti Singh says that the rising number of imprisoned undertrials is a serious issue and the government must take immediate steps to tackle it. "The first step is not to make unnecessary arrests as the SC has made it clear in several judgments that unless a crime is severe, no arrests should be made. On the contrary, more and more people are getting arrested for petty cases or no offence at all," adds Singh.

NCRB data also shows that over 80 per cent of such undertrial prisoners are from disadvantaged sections of society. Out of the total prisoners, 67.5 per cent belonged to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other backward classes (OBCs). Legal experts point out that since the majority of the undertrials and convicts cannot afford legal help, they continue to languish in jails.

"Those who are poor and cannot afford the bail conditions must be released on personal bonds," says Singh.

Among the states, Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of undertrials – 90,606, while Bihar and Maharashtra came in at the second and third place, with 59,577 and 31,752 undertrials, respectively.

Supreme Court lawyer Rishi Malhotra, who regularly appears for undertrials, says that bail rules should be made more liberal to reduce overcrowding in prisons.

"Even for undertrials and convicts, whose appeals are pending in the High court, unless there are exceptional circumstances, the normal rule should be if they have served five years or more, they should be granted bail," said Malhotra. He added that though there are aid services to provide legal assistance to them, , it remains on paper.

"Legal aid cells should have competent lawyers to handle the cases, which is not the scenario now," he says.

VARANASI

CISF plans security at Kashi Dham

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

THE Centre has asked the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) to analyse safety and surveillance requirements of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham corridor and the temple complex in Varanasi.

The project, taken up by the special security consultancy wing of CISF, wil cost around ₹19 lakh. The unit provides services like threat perception and risk analysis, access control and perimeter protection, assessment of manpower, crowd control and management process and crisis management schemes.

A CISF team is currently in Varanasi to carry out surveys.

The force will prepare an overall anti-sabotage plan keeping in mind the fact the place is thronged by lakhs of pilgrims each month.

The plan will pinpoint the location of security posts, layout for CCTV cameras deployment, assembling point, fire safety gadgets placement within the complex, etc, said an officer.

DIVORCE CELEBRATION
An NGO in Bhopal is organising a ceremony for 18 men who were granted divorce after long-drawn legal battles and paying hefty alimony to end bad marriages

3-4L LITRE CUT IN PER DAY MILK COLLECTION IN RAJ. DUE TO LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

Ahmedabad	34	28	Mumbai	33	26
Bhopal	32	24	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	35	27	Patna	36	29
Amritsar	34	26	Lucknow	36	28
Chennai	37	25	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	37	25	Imphal	28	21
Srinagar	30	15	Chandigarh	34	26

Whistleblower's arrest kicks up political storm in Assam

Victor Das had tweeted about grade III and IV jobs scam

PRASANTA MAJUMDAR @Guwahati

THE Assam government is facing a political backlash after a man, named Victor Das, who had reached out to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Director General of Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta through Twitter with claims of a "backdoor appointment" for 26,000 grade III and IV posts, was arrested by the police. Das, who owns a coaching institute in Guwahati, had claimed people were demanding ₹3-8 lakh depending on the post. He also alleged that some former MLAs were also involved.

He was arrested under IPC sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 153 (provocation with intent to cause riot), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 384 (extortion) and 505 (circulation of fake news or rumours) for "spreading rumours and indulging in a conspiracy to foment discord between various sections of society over selection to government posts." A local court on Saturday sent him to seven-day police custody.

To ensure fairness, the government had shut down Internet during the conduct of the job tests on August 21 and 28. Over 14 lakh students had sat for the tests.

The opposition parties are going hammer and tongs at the BJP-led government in the state for "suppressing truth".

"The government fears that corruption, which started from the CM's constituency, will get exposed. So, in order to protect people around the CM who are involved in it and to conceal it, the police arrested Victor Das but the people of Assam have come to know this," state Congress chief Bhupen Kumar Borah said.

He said that the Congress would compel the government to make public what all Das had submitted as evidence. He accused the government of muzzling the voices of those who dare come out to speak the truth.

"If someone points his finger at the government, it will accuse him of indulging in extortion and fomenting communal tension," Borah said.

He added: "When the 'corruption king' dons the CM's mantle, against whom we brought seven charges of corruption and asked the CBI to probe them, that man will definitely try to conceal his government's misdeeds."

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) asked if the Assam home department was so weak that it had to arrest the complainant. It said the arrest proved something was fishy.

"Not just Das, some others are also saying there is corruption. It is not for the complainant but for the police to substantiate the charges after an investigation," the AAP said. Activist-turned-politician Akhil Gogoi said that the arrest was unprecedented and "illegal".

"The charges should have been probed. By arresting him, the government has sent across a message that there is no democracy in this country. If you raise your voice against corruption or the government, you will be arrested," he said.

'Backdoor recruitment for 26K govt jobs'

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NATURE'S FURY

Cloudbursts, rain kill 2 in Uttarakhand

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

INCESSANT rains and cloudbursts continue to wreak havoc in Uttarakhand. Two persons were killed and 30 houses damaged by debris in the last 24 hours in cloudburst incidents amid heavy rains in the border district of Pithoragarh.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, after conducting an aerial survey of the disaster-hit areas, met the affected people amid rescue operations which are being carried out on a war footing by the State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF) and police forces.

Heavy loss of life and property was also reported from the border districts of Nepal's Darchula district.

There has been a huge devastation after the cloudburst on the Indo-Nepal border.

In Pithoragarh district bordering, 36 houses have been heavily damaged due to debris and water. A woman died after being buried under the debris inside the house. The SDRF has rescued around 175 people at Dharchula stadium. The Chief Minister reached the spot and took stock of the situation.

Apart from the devastation in Pithoragarh, five people were killed and 30 houses destroyed in a cloudburst in Nepal's Darchula area.

Last night's flood in kali river in Dharchula has caused a lot of damage in Dharchula and its surrounding areas.

Shinde asks govt officers to go to doors of people

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde has asked the respective regional chief minister offices to resolve the issue at their end in an effort to shorten the time-consuming administrative process. CM Shinde said that they want to reduce the flow of people who flock to mantralaya in Mumbai for their work.

"Why should people travel all the way from some part of Vidarbha or western Maharashtra to get their work done? Rather than asking people to come to Mumbai, we should go to people. The government should be at people's door with all services," Shinde said.

He said that they have constituted regional chief minister offices in respective regions so that people can visit CMO offices in their region. The regional CMO are located in Nasik, Pune, Nagpur, Amarawati, Aurangabad, Konkan. "These CMOs will receive the complaints of the local people and resolve them. Earlier, all applications were sent to CMO, Mumbai, now there is decentralization of power. The speed of the work and efficiency will also increase and there will be no delay in approval procedure. We have to take people oriented work. This will also bring transparency in the system," Shinde added.

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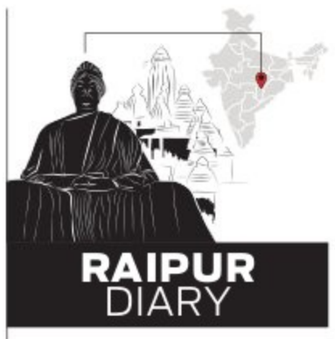
> Eknath Shinde, Maha CM

Shinde said that the regional CMOs will also keep the details of the work that has been done by them. "People should get the receipt of their applications, reminder letter and solving date. All these details should be compiled and sent to CMO, Mumbai. This will have indirect watch on every office and will bring accountability as well. The regional CMO will have enough officers and manpower to address the issues," said an official.



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BJP in-charge Purandeswari replaced

On the day of BJP chief J P Nadda's maiden visit to Chhattisgarh as the party president, state in-charge D Purandeswari (in pic) was replaced by another senior BJP leader from Rajasthan Om Mathur, who is cited to be close to the RSS. Though known for her tough stance on the party's agenda, Purandeswari's modest command over Hindi language was seen among the other reasons for her exit. CM Bhupesh Baghel once dubbed her as 'Hunterwali'. With Assembly polls in Chhattisgarh due next year the BJP hopes it will gain from the experiences of Mathur who earlier remained election in-charge of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

No helmet – 8,789 deaths in 3 years

Using helmets not just prevents head injury in case of any accident while riding a two-wheeler, it also improves the attention of the rider. So, the helmet is deemed as the safest option for the riders of motorcycle. But the neglect continues in Chhattisgarh where the road crash deaths continue to rise across the state due to non-helmet usage. There were 8,789 deaths recorded in three years from 2019 to 2021. Ironically, the rise in deaths reported despite increased awareness of safety rules on traffic, usage of helmets and even free distribution of headgears during the long campaign run by the traffic police in the state.

When ex-Cong BJP CM cited as 'Naya Mullah'

"Naya Naya Mullah Zyada Pyaaz Khata Hai (one who newly embraced Islam acts to show he is a good Muslim)", said CM Bhupesh Baghel in a snide remark for his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma, while decrying his comments on Congress' Bharat Jogi Yatra. Himanta suggested that Rahul Gandhi should have launched his campaign in Pakistan since there is no need for such a rally as India is a united nation. The CM talked about RSS' 'Akhand Bharat' map and said that Himanta might have seen the stretch where there is Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Baghel asked what will be done once the population of Muslims hits 50 crore after the accession.

Dwarka Shankaracharya Swaroopanand dies at 99

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

SHANKARACHARYA of Jyotish, Dwarka and Sharda Peeths, Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati, passed away after prolonged illness at his ashram in Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh on Sunday. He was 99. His 'Samadhi' (symbolic funeral) will take place at 4pm on Monday near the hillside ashram.

Born in 1924 as Potiram Upadhyaya in Dighori village of Seoni district, he left home when he was nine. He was a direct disciple of Shankaracharya Brahmananda Saraswati of Jyotir Math and of Shankaracharya (disputed) Krishnabodha Ashrama of Jyotirmath. In 1950, his Guru Brahmananda made him a Dandi Sanyasi. He became the president of Akhil Bhartiya Ram Rajya Parishad established by Swami Karpatriji. On Krishnabodha Ashrama's demise in 1973, the title of Shankaracharya (disputed) of Jyotir Math, Badrinath passed to Swami Swaroopanand. Nine years later in 1982, he also became the Shankaracharya of Dwarka Peeth.

At 18, he became a part of the country's freedom movement and was known as "Revolutionary Sadhu" for taking part in the Quit India Movement. He was also jailed for around a year and-half.

He had strong opinion on various issues, including Ganga pollution, Uniform Civil Code, Abrogation of Article 370, cow slaughter, etc.

He will be given a "bhoo samadhi" (burial) on the campus of the Ashram around 3 to 4 pm on Monday, an ashram release said. "His bhoo Samadhi in sitting position which is given to 'sanyasis' will take place around 3-4 pm at his Paramhansi Ganga Ashram, Jyoteshwar, in Gotegaon in Narsinghpur on Monday," it said.

HARYANA

Boy kills mate to defame Nuh madrasa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chandigarh

THE police on Sunday said that they had solved the murder case of an 11-year-old boy who was found dead inside a madrassa in Haryana's Nuh and apprehended a 13-year-old student.

"The accused student did not want to study in the madrassa and with the intention of defaming it, he made a plan and strangled Sameer," a senior police official said.

Sameer, a resident of Ted village in Nurh, was found dead inside the madrassa on Monday.

According to the police, the juvenile said he chose Saturday for the murder of his fellow student due to the large crowd in the madrassa for Friday prayers. He took Sameer to a room in the basement of the madrasa, killed him and buried him in the sand, the police said.

4 arrested for threatening school teachers, girls in Ranchi suburb

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

A meeting of two communities was called at school on Saturday | EXPRESS

IN what could be termed a "blatant attempt" to incite communal tension in the state, some Muslim youths barged into a government school in a Ranchi suburb, brandishing weapons and threatened the girls to either befriend them or be ready to be abducted by them. The incident took place when Teacher's Day was being celebrated at Project Plus Two High School in Sadma, Ormanjhi, on September 5.

However, the police came to know of this only on Saturday when the school convened a meeting of two communities to sort out the matter, but the two sides clashed and the police had to intervene to prevent a communal flare-up. The police later booked five accused for creating ruckus and threatening school staff and students.

The incident has come to light days after a Class 12 student Ankita was allegedly set on fire on August 23 by a Muslim youth in Dumka.

The police is conducting raids to arrest five accused. Besides, Ranchi SSP Kaushal Kishore has formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to look into the matter.

"Named FIR against the five Muslim youths — Firdous Ansari, Suhail Ansari, Muzammil Ansari, Taufik Ansari, and Jameel Ansari — has been lodged, charging them of molestation, threatening and beating girls and school staff. It has been alleged in the FIR that they barged into Project Plus Two High School in Sadma at Ormanjhi, waved weapons and threatened to abduct girls," said the officer in charge of Ormanjhi Police Station Rajeev Kumar Singh. "The police was informed only after the situation got out of their control on Saturday, otherwise the FIR would have been lodged immediately after the September 5 incident," said the officer in charge.

Confirming the September 5 incident, the school principal asserted that an altercation took place between the youth and school clerk, who intercepted them when he saw them heading towards the auditorium after they entered the school premises.

PUNJAB

Survey seeks to free prisoners of drug addiction

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IN a first of its kind survey in the country, the Punjab government from today will start a survey of approximately 14,000 jail inmates, who were found to have tested positive for drug abuse, to know the exact causes of their addiction. The survey result, according to sources, will help the government in charting out anti-drug abuse programs for them.

At present around 46 per cent prisoners in Punjab are addicted to drugs, as per finding of a drug screening conducted on 30,000 jail inmates.

As part of the survey, 85 questions will be asked to each prisoner and their identity will not be revealed as the whole survey will be in a coded format so that it is kept confidential.

This is a follow up to a drug screening project of the jail department which had found that more than 14,000 prisoners in the state were drug addicts. The survey will be conducted in all 25 jails with the help of around 350 volunteers (students of various universities and institutions) will be over in 12 days.

Eighty five questions of the new survey will include all the factors (both inside and outside prison) which may have a substantial impact on the addiction or de-addiction status of the prisoners.

These factors include geographical factors, psycho-social factors, socio-economic factors, policing, prison specific and de-addiction. The questions will address the suggestions or ways as communicated by prisoners themselves about improving de-addiction in jails. They will also be about how can authorities effectively detect drugs in and outside the jails; how do inmates manage to get drugs in the jails and outside; how to improve the peer support system for de-addiction; how do inmates manage to live when they are unable to get drugs; how can prevention programs be made more effective, and so forth? Also, the prisoners will be asked about the length of their stay in jail; how many times have they been to jail; their income level and education; and what is their occupation, etc?

The idea of this survey before the government was put forward by Harpreet Singh Sidhu Special DGP (Prisons) before the Punjab Jail Minister Harjit Singh Bains and the Additional Chief Secretary (Jails) KAP Sinha, both of whom approved the program. The survey will be a joint effort between the Jail Department and the Special Task Force on drugs (STF).

DE-ADDICTING PUNJAB JAILS

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46% prisoners in Punjab are addicted to drugs
Prisoners have been found to be using drugs like morphine, tramadol and buprenorphine

Missing Maha YouTuber found in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

A popular teenage YouTuber Kavya Yadav, who went missing from her hometown Aurangabad in Maharashtra on Friday was found a day later on board a Gorakhpur-bound train at Itarsi railway station of Madhya Pradesh's Narmadapuram district on Saturday. The government railway police personnel tracked Kavya on the sleeper coach of Kushinagar Express. She was reunited with parents a few hours later around 11.30 pm on Saturday.

The 16-year-old Kavya, whose YouTube channel Bindass Kavya has 44.2 lakh subscribers, said she had left home after being scolded by father on Friday. "I'd left home after being scolded by Papa. I didn't carry a phone," she told mediapersons.

After their daughter was found, the teenage's parents live streamed their reaction.

Shepherd donates 1K sqft land to build water tank

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

IN an era, where battle for land often turns gory and precious human lives are lost in disputes, a shepherd in tribal dominated Dindori district of Madhya Pradesh has donated his land to quench the long standing thirst of his village.

Meet 57-years-old shepherd **Thenku Prasad Banwasi**, who has donated 1,000 sqft land out of his three acres land for enabling the state's public health engineering (PHE) department to build an overhead water tank, which holds the promise of ending the long standing water woes of 4,500 residents of Bargaon village in Shahpura block of Dindori district.

"Though my livelihood emanates from taking the cattle of our villagers daily for grazing on the grassland, the small tract of land helps me grow something for my family. But growing something for the family becomes secondary in front of the long standing water woes of the villagers. I've donated a part of the land to ensure that the water tank will end the water woes forever. I appeal to the state's CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan to ensure that the water related problems of the village end soon," the tribal shepherd said on Sunday. Won over by the shepherd's land donation, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan tweeted "By donating 1,000 sq ft land for the Nal Jal Yojana, Thenku Banwasi has done a venerable work. I salute him for this great effort."

Bargaon village has long been troubled by inadequate availability of water. Particularly during the summers, women and children from the village's two parts, Banwasi Mohalla and Shankar Tola, have to travel 2.3 km to fetch water from the Salgi river.

Ukraine's lightning advances in east turn the tide against Russia

KYIV

UKRAINIAN forces on Sunday pushed its counteroffensive in the country's east, exploiting quick gains they made in a week of fighting that has sharply changed the course of the conflict.

Ukraine's quick action to reclaim Russia-occupied areas in the northeastern Kharkiv region forced Moscow to withdraw its troops to prevent them from being surrounded and leave behind significant numbers of weapons and munitions in a hasty retreat as the war marked 200 days on Sunday.

The jubilant Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy mocked the Russians in a video address late Saturday, saying that "the Russian army in these days is demonstrating the best that it can do —showing its back."

On Sunday, he posted a video of Ukrainian soldiers hoisting the national flag over Chkalovske, another town they reclaimed from the Russians in the counteroffensive. Ukraine's military chief, General Valerii Zaluzhnyy, said Sunday that Ukraine had liberated about 3,000 square kilometers since the beginning of September. He noted that the Ukrainian troops are now just 50 km away from the border with Russia.

The Russians' pullback marked the biggest battlefield success for Ukrainian forces since they thwarted a Russian attempt to seize the capital, Kyiv. Ukraine's attack in the Kharkiv region came as a surprise for Moscow, which had relocated many of its troops from the area to the south in expectation of the main Ukrainian counteroffensive there. In an awkward attempt to save face, the Russian Defense Ministry said the troops' withdrawal from Izyum and other areas in the Kharkiv region was intended to strengthen Russian forces in the Donetsk region.

The group of Russian forces around Izyum has been key for Moscow's effort to capture the Donetsk region and their pullback will now weaken the Russian capability to press its offensive to Ukrainian strongholds of Sloviansk and Kramatorsk just south. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Okinawa re-elects Gov who opposes US troops

Okinawa's incumbent governor who opposes an ongoing US Marine base relocation forced by Japan's central government and calls for a further reduction of American troops on the southern island secured his reelection on Sunday. Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki was certain to win his second four-year term, according to exit polls by major Japanese media, including *NHK*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Honnamma W/o Boralingegowda Residing at No.1662/3, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road Rammohanpura, Devaiah Park Bangalore-560021, I have lost my Original Registered Sale deed executed on dated-09.06.2006 doc.No.766/2008-09 for Site No.408, Sy.No.38 and 39, measuring East to West 17 feet and North to South 37 feet, totally measuring 629 sq feet situated at Gidadhakonenahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk while standing in chintamani near KSRTC Bus stop.

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Bangalore, Dated:10.09.2022
Deepa A.M, Advocate
KAR/474/2012
No.6, Bhumika, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore 560040

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general Public is hereby informed through this Public Notice that M/s Transcity Developers Registered under the companies Act, having its office at No.32, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, Bashyam Circle, Above Hotel Shanthi Sugar, Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru, is hereby shifting its place of work at the new address at No. 32/1, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, (Above RBL Bank), Vyalikaval, Near Bashyam Circle, Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru - 560 003 from 12.09.2022 of September 2022.

The General Public is hereby informed that the said M/s Transcity Developers will resume its office work at the new Address at No.32/1, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, (Above RBL Bank), Vyalikaval, Near Bashyam Circle, Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru - 560 003 from the aforesaid date and all further correspondences shall be dealt with by M/s Trans City Developers at the aforesaid address and any letter correspondences and other activities of the company shall be dealt with at the aforesaid address in future from the date of this Public Notice Published.

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Registered under the Companies Act
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ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : (0824) 2230986 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ :2230029 Email:dkmul86@yahoo.com

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(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL OF GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA)

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3. ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಸಮಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ನಂತರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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SBI
Cooke Town (40190) Branch,
Wheelers Road Extension, Bangalore - 560084.
Mob No.: 9945484069 / 861818770,
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PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS FOR AUCTION

The following A/C Holder has pledged their Gold Ornaments and has raised the loan against it from **State Bank of India, Cooke Town Branch.** Notices have been sent, but loan was not paid. Therefore the Auction of the gold ornaments will be conducted as per the present market value at our **SBI Branch Premises on 30.09.2022 From 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.**

ACCOUNT NO : 40898267952 | AMOUNT : Rs.1,15,000/- + Interest

Branch Manager

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
COMMISSIONER SURVEY SETTLEMENT AND LAND RECORDS
K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No.91-080-22212408

NO:SSLR:STR:HK:01/2022-23 Date:12-09-2022

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Hiring of services of Security Guards and House Keepers and Computer Operator, Drivers -

E-tenders are invited from reputed authorized agents for hiring of Man Power Service of Computer Operator-01, Driver-11 and Security Guards - 02 ,House Keepers-07, to the Survey, Settlement and Land Records Department, Bangalore.

Tender Document and related information will be available in e-Procurement Portal website **http://www.epro.karnataka.gov.in** from **12-09-2022.** Interested firms registered with the Center for e-governance, can participate in the bidding process. **The last date of submission of proposal is 23-09-2022, 5.30 PM.**

Sd/-
Additional Director
Survey settlement & Land Records,
Banglore

DIPR/CP/2158/SHIRDI SAI/2022-23

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 89TH ADDL. COMMERCIAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU
COMMERCIAL O.S. No. 376/2019

BETWEEN: M/s. COMPLETE OFFICE SUPPLIERS, No. 3676, Ground Floor, 8th Cross, 13th Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru-560 038. Rep by its GPA Holder and Authorized Signatory Sri. Alpesh Chamariya, S/o Sri. Punjala Chamariya, aged about 26 years ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: Kanva Fashions Limited., ... **DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT

To, **Defendant: KANVA FASHIONS LIMITED.,** No. 861, Sri Sai Complex, Off Modi Hospital, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 086.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit before this Court (CCH-90) against you for the recovery of Rs. 15,57,857/- along with 24% interest and costs

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompained by some person able to answer all such questions on **12-10-2022** at 11 'o' clock in the forenoon to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on 09-09-2022.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

HOYSALA .B.V, Advocate

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: EEE/AEE(O)/KMWD/F-1527/22-23/1195-97 Date : 06.09.2022

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This is to publish for the information of public that the work of establishment of **66/11kV Guluru Sub-station near Bagepalli Taluk along with construction of 66kV line for a distance of 9.751 Km has completed. And the line passes through Mallasandra, Chinnepalli, Motakapalli, Molaka Cherupalli, Guluru, Chinnayakayapalli in Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.** The said line will be commissioned on or after **15.09.2022.** These power lines are unsafe/risky. Hence, it is hereby informed not to climb the transmission line towers, not to throw metallic pieces/tree twigs/branches and not to tie the cattle to the transmission line towers. If anybody climbs the transmission line towers, throws metallic pieces/tree twigs/branches and ties the cattle to the transmission line towers inspite of this notification, the person himself/herself will be responsible for any consequences and KPTCL will in no way be responsible for any consequences.

It is to inform the land owners in the line corridor that, it is unsafe to plant/grow trees for (total 18 Mtrs)9Mtrs from the center of the tower on either sides of the line.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
Major Works Division, KPTCL, Kolar.

RAYAT SHIKSHAN SANSTHA, SATARA
WANTED

As per letter No. G3:ShaShiA:HoTuA:10:2020-21/1538 Date 16/08/2022 of the C.P.I. Dharwad, application are invited for the following posts in SIDDHESHWAR VIDYALAYA, KURLI AND NEW ENGLISH SCHOOL, SOUNDALGA, TAL. NIPANI, DIST. BELAGAVI run by RAYAT SHIKSHAN SANSTHA, SATARA.

SR NO	NAME OF SCHOOL	NAME OF THE POST	QUALIFICATION	MEDIUM	SCALE	CATEGORY	NO OF POST
1	SIDDHESHWAR VIDYALAYA, KURLI	ENGLISH	B.A.,B.Ed.	MARATHI	33450-62600	GENERAL	1
		Kala (Social Science)	B.A.,B.Ed.	MARATHI	33450-62600	GENERAL	1
		KANNADA	B.A.,B.Ed	MARATHI	33450-62600	GENERAL	1
2	NEW ENGLISH SCHOOL, SOUNDALGA	SCIENCE (CBZ)	B.Sc.,B.Ed (CBZ)	MARATHI	33450-62600	GENERAL	1
		ENGLISH	B.A.,B.Ed.	MARATHI	33450 -62600	GENERAL	1
		KANNADA	B.A.,B.Ed.	MARATHI	33450 -62600	GENERAL	1

Eligible candidates can send their application along with attested copies of essential testimonials to the Head Master, SIDDHESHWAR VIDYALAYA, KURLI, TAL. NIPANI, DIST. BELGAVI. Pin- 591241 on or before date 03/10/2022 along with DD of Rupees 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) drawn in favour of Head Master, SIDDHESHWAR VIDYALAYA, KURLI as a processing fee. A copy of your application may be sent to the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Chikkodi.

Place: Satara
Date : 12 September, 2022

Sd/-
Secretary
Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, Satara.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **SRI.D.A.RAJKUMAR,** S/o Late D.R.Adinarayanappa, residing at Flat No.21073, Prestige Falcon City Apartments, Konankunte Cross, Near Metro Cash and Carry, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560062.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.73/1-3, PID No.46-7-73/1-3, measuring East to West 63.5 ft and North to South 50 ft, together with an old building thereon, situated at 5th Main Road, Devanathachar Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Property of late M.Krishnamurthy
West by : Devanathachar Street
North by : 5th Main Road
South by : Property bearing Municipal No.73.

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

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DEUTSCHE BANK AG
Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Deutsche Bank AG, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **24/01/2022** calling upon the borrower **M/s. Multipak Electronics India Pvt Ltd, Mr. Sagiraju Balaraju, Mrs. Dhanalakshmi Sagiraju, Mr. Sagiraju Purushothama Raju and M/s. 3 S Enterprises ("Borrower")** to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs.6,49,11,723.75 (Rupees Six Crore Forty Nine Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three and Seventy Five Paise Only)**, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this **09th day of September of the year 2022.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs. 6,49,11,723.75 (Rupees Six Crore Forty Nine Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three and Seventy Five Paise Only)** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Properties :

1) SCHEDULE PROPERTY :- All that piece and parcel of Site Number 27 (formed in survey number 37), bearing new CMC Khatha number 225, (formerly Panchayat number 89/15, old No. 191), situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Measuring East to West 40 feet (12.20 Meters) and North to South 30 feet (9.15 Meters), totally measuring 1200 square feet, and **Bounded on : East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.26, **South by:** Road.

2) SCHEDULE A PROPERTY :- All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Sy. No. 41/5, BBMP Khata No.1022/41/5, measuring 1 acre 3 guntas, including 1 gunta Kharab, situated at No.329, Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk : **East by:** Sy.NO. 40 of H.V. Narayana Reddy's **West by:** Sy.NO. 41/6 of K.T. Muniswamy Reddy's **North by:** Sarjapura Road **South by:** Sy. NO. 41/1 of D.M.Anaiah Reddy's

SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY :- 386'.Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE C – 1 :- The Residential Apartment/Flat No.A-403 in Block-A on the 4th Floor of KPR SUNRISE SQUARE apartment building built in Schedule 'A' Property, measuring super built up area of 1200 Sq. Ft., including common area, together with one covered car parking space in the Basement, and right to use common areas like entrance, passage, staircase, terrace, lobbies, lift, other common utilities, etc.,

3) SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY :- 410.Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE C – 2 :- The Residential Apartment/Flat No.C-401 in Block-C on the 4th Floor of KPR SUNRISE SQUARE apartment building built in Schedule 'A' Property, measuring super built up area of 1275 Sq. Ft., including common area, together with one covered car parking space in the Basement, and right to use common areas like entrance, passage, staircase, terrace, lobbies, lift, other common utilities, etc.,

4) SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY :- 410.Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE C – 3 :- The Residential Apartment/Flat No.A-401 in Block-A on the 4th Floor of KPR SUNRISE SQUARE apartment building built in Schedule 'A' Property, measuring super built up area of 1250 Sq. Ft., including common area, together with one covered car parking space in the Basement, and right to use common areas like entrance, passage, staircase, terrace, lobbies, lift, other common utilities, etc.,

5) SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY :- 402.Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE C – 4 :- The Residential Apartment/Flat No.B-401 in Block-B on the 4th Floor of KPR SUNRISE SQUARE apartment building built in Schedule 'A' Property, measuring super built up area of 1250 Sq. Ft., including common area, together with one covered car parking space in the Basement, and right to use common areas like entrance, passage, staircase, terrace, lobbies, lift, other common utilities, etc.,

6) SCHEDULE :- All that piece and parcel of portion of Front Portion of Property bearing Plot No. 1, Katha No.36/1, situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 41.87 + 42.20/2 Feet and North to South 33 + 34/2 Feet in all measuring approximately 1408.17 Square Feet, inclusive of 8 Feet Common Passage to be used along with the rear portion owner and bounded on the : **East by:** Remaining portion of the same property, **West by:** 25 Feet Road, **North by:** 8 Feet Passage connecting the Road and thereafter Balasubramanya and Leelavathi' s Property, **South by:** Plot No.1A.

(VII) Also Hypothecation charge on Stock and Book Debts in favour of Deutsche Bank A G.

Ajay Singh
Date: 12.09.2022 **Place:** Bengaluru **Authorized Officer, Deutsche Bank A.G.**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	31898950002192	Sri Sai Krishna Mobiles	26-04-2021	11-05-2022	**Rs.3,34,852.06** (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Four Thousabd Eight Hundred Fifty Two and paise six only) **as on 09-09-2022**	19-09-2022 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	**Rs.6,12,000.00** (Rupees Six Lakh Twelve Thousand Only)	**Rs.61,200.00** (Rupees Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Only)	14-10-2022 Time: 02:00 PM to 03.00 PM	13-10-2022, before 05:00 PM @ Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office.
	Property Description/ Schedule: SCHEDULE 'A': All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property Site No.55, Katha No.40/2, Hanniganahattigrama, Tavarekerehobli, Bangalore South Taluk type RDPR, Index-II Village, Hanniganahattihobli, Tavarekerehobli in all measuring East to West 20 ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 600 square feet. **Bounded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.59, **North by:** Site No.55, **South by:** Site No.56.									
2	33639420000182 & 33639430000682	K V Renuka Prasad	30-12-2021	03-06-2022	**Rs.23,07,311.52** (Rupees Twenty three Lakh Seven Thousand Three hundred and Eleven and Paise Fifty Two only) **as on 23-12-2021**	19-09-2022 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	**Rs.44,62,500.00** (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	**Rs.4,46,250.00** (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only)	14-10-2022 Time: 02:00 PM to 03.00 PM	13-10-2022, before 05:00 PM @ Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office.
	Property Description/ Schedule: SCHEDULE 'A': All that piece and parcel of the property bearing property No.34, New Khatha property No.204/34, Khatha Janjuru No.204 measuring East to West 50 ft and North to south 30 ft total measuring 1500 sqft Situated at Ward No.198, Hosahli Village, Thatagattapura Gramapanchayath, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits, Hemmigepura, Ward No.198 of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property No.33, **South by:** Property No.35.									
3	32998950000113 & 32999670000040 & 45389670000220	Varadachari K	12-04-2022	07-07-2022	**Rs.6,19,985.89** (Rupees Six Lakh Nineteen Thousand Nine hundred and Eighty Five and Paise Eighty Nine only) & **Rs.1,09,341.00** (Rupees One Lakh Nine Thousand Three hundred and Forty One only) & **Rs.48,785.00** (Rupees Forty Eight Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Five only) **as on 13.04.2022**	19-09-2022 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	**Rs.7,65,000.00** (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Only)	**Rs.76,500.00** (Rupees Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred)	14-10-2022 Time: 02:00 PM to 03.00 PM	13-10-2022, before 05:00 PM @ Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office.
	Property Description/ Schedule: SCHEDULE 'A': All that piece and parcel of property Site No.18, Khata No.329, Assessment No.25, Lakshmipura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 15 feet, total Measuring 600 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belong to Mr. Hanumarasaiah, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining Potion of Site No.18, belong to Mr. Pavithra, **South by:** Property belong to Doddaramaiah.									
4	30198850007666	St. Antony Provision Centre	07-07-2020	10-11-2020	**Rs.10,84,266.00** (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Only) **as on 05-08-2022**	20-09-2022 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	**Rs.10,32,750.00** (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty only)	**Rs.1,03,275.00** (Rupees One Lakh Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Five only)	27-09-2022 Time: 02:00 PM to 03.00 PM	26-09-2022, before 05:00 PM @ Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office.
	Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and Parcel of property bearing Site No.80. Katha No.12, Assessment No.29, situated at Ravuthanahalli Village, Kithanahalli Village Panchayat limit, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, in total measuring 1500 sq.feet and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.73, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.79 & **South by:**Site No.81.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger)** at the web portal **https://janabank.auctiontiger.net.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact Number: 09722778828/ 079-68136854/ 51, 55, 56. E-Mail Ids: praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Anand R [9353450656]/ Mr. Raghottama-(9916382123)** to the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 12.09.2022, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

DEUTSCHE BANK AG
DEMAND NOTICE
Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (herein after as the said "Act")

Whereas Deutsche Bank AG, a banking company incorporated and existing under the Laws of Federal Republic of Germany with its registered office in Taunusanlage 12, D-60325 Frankfurt, Germany and acting through its branch office in India at Bangalore at Raheja Towers, Ground Floor, 26-27, M. G. Road, Bangalore - 560001, hereinafter referred to as the "Bank" has extended credit facility to **Mr. Imran Mohammad Mukka & Mrs. Reshma Mohamed Haneef ("Borrower")** vide agreement dated **29th March 2022** ("Loan Agreement"). The said credit facility is secured inter alia by way of the Bank's mortgage on the immovable property being

Schedule 'A' Property All that piece and parcel of converted land in Sy. No. 83 of Chikkanagamanagala Village, developed into a residential layout with villas and sites with the project name called as Waterford Estates, situated in Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangaluru Dist, measuring 6 Acres 10 Guntas, with BDA plan approval and BDA khatas and bounded as follows: **East by :** Property in Sy. No. 28, **West by:** Property in Sy. No. 98, **North by:** Property in Sy. No. 28, **South by:** Road,

Schedule 'B' (Property hereby sold to the PURCHASER) All that piece and parcel of Villa No. 29 & 30, formed on Site No. 29 & 30, carved out of converted land in Sy. No. 83 of Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangaluru Dist, measuring 8564 Sq. Feet of sital area, along with duplex residential villa measuring 6251 Sq. Feet of built up area consisting of three living rooms, Five bedrooms, dining, kitchen, six bathrooms, one servant's room with all standard fittings, Italian Marble and flooring in the entire building and wooden flooring in 4 bedrooms, inclusive of sit outs, balcony and 2 car parks in the project known as "WATERFORD" with BDA plan approval vide No. BDA/TPM/PRL-21/12-16/2360/13-14 Dt: 13.08.2013 and having Village Panchayat Khata issued from Gram Panchayat Office, Shantipura, bearing No. 403/29 And 30, PID No. 150200100500622993 and measuring **East to West:** On the northern side: 94 feet 9 inches, On the southern side: 98 feet 9 inches, **North to South:** On the eastern side: 88 feet 6 inches, On the western side: 88 feet 6 inches. and bounded as follows: **East by :** Site No. 31, **West by:** Sy. No. 98, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Sy. No. 29. (hereinafter referred to as the "Secured Asset").

That the Borrower has defaulted in repayment of the equated monthly installments and therefore committed a breach of the terms of the Loan Agreement. The total outstanding amount as on 05-September-2022 is Rs. 6,13,62,741.00 (Rupees Six Crore Thirteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Only) consisting of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest thereon till the receipt of complete dues.

In addition to the said outstanding dues, the Borrower is also liable to pay interest and default interest due in future till the entire outstanding dues are paid.

On account of the default committed by the Borrower, the loan account has been classified by the Bank as Non-Performing Asset on 03-09-2022 as per the norms stipulated by the Reserve Bank of India.

The Bank hereby calls upon the Borrower to discharge in full all liabilities towards the Bank by making the payment of the entire outstanding amount including interest, costs, and charges as applicable till date within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Bank shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the following rights:

a)Take possession of the Secured Asset including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the Secured Asset;

b)Take over the management of the Secured Assets of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the Secured Asset ;

c)Appoint any person (hereafter referred to as the manager), to manage the Secured Asset the possession of which has been taken over; and/or

d)Require at any time by notice in writing, any person who has acquired the Secured Asset and from whom any money is due or may become due from the Borrower, to pay to the Bank, so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the secured debt.

Kindly note the Borrower is hereby restrained from alienating (including by way of transfer, sale, lease or otherwise) or creating third party interest or dealing with the Secured Asset in any manner except with specific prior written permission from Bank. Please note any contravention of this direction shall entail appropriate criminal and/or civil legal action against the Borrower. be punishable with imprisonment upto a period of one year or with fine or with both.

This is the final notice and the Bank shall be within its right to exercise any or all of the rights referred to above against the Borrower entirely at the Borrower's risk, responsibility and costs without any further notice, demand or communication.

Date: 12.09.2022 **For Deutsche Bank AG**
Place: Bengaluru **Authorised Officer** (Ajay Singh)

₹ 5,600 cr — Foreign Investors have pumped into the Indian markets in this month so far, as per depositories data

MONEY-WISE

ABOUT BOYCOTT BOLLYWOOD AND CAPITALISM

BOYCOTT Bollywood! Well, I am not talking about this politically, but let us see what happens when such a call is given.

Initially the Bollywood Gang does not even know about this boycott. The mainstream media ignores it, and does not report it at all. Then the noise gets bigger and the BG is in denial – 'a few people talking nonsense does not hurt us' they say.

Next stage is 'We can live with this' turns into panic – look at the losses that PVR, Inox and the movie industry in general is suffering.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

PV SUBRAMANYAM

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Then they worry about what to do. Then the boycott brigade gets overconfident and thinks it can kill all movies. The BG stops making movies.

Then there is a movie which is a hit, and the BG ignores the hit. The boycott brigade gets overconfident. Movie is a super duper hit. Then more movies follow, and the boycott brigade's time is over. Fairly obvious that then the cycle repeats itself. Ditto.

Who solves the problem? : The correct answer is CAPITALISM. The highly charged movies like 'Do Bhiga zameen' and 'Jagte Raho' too were financed by Capitalists. Capitalism is here to solve problems and get rewarded for that.

So it will be capitalism which will find a solution for painful things. So if you were too lazy to go out and eat, capitalism gave you Zomato. If you did not have the capital to buy a car and the willingness to drive, it gave you Ola and Uber.

If Ola tries to increase its margins beyond 30%, that problem will also be solved by Capitalism. A new competitor will emerge – and start working on a 20% margin. Many drivers (suppliers) and users (consumers) will migrate towards the new players!

This is of course a perfect market scenario and capitalism does not work in primary education and basic medical care. It needs a lot more intervention from the state to make capitalism work in education and health care – that is called subsidy and incentive systems.

Capitalism constantly looks for problems to be solved – and is happy to fund people who develop solutions. So whether it is a better website, better airfare, better movies –capitalism will find a solution.

As usual and like all human behaviour, we will swing from not having anything to having an excess of that stuff. The late entering capitalists will be taken to the cleaners especially if they are leveraged like the bank.

In case of Boycott Bollywood, it is the exhibitors like PVR, Inox who will be hit by the collateral damage and the capitalists will withdraw their capital from such ventures. This will see a big fall in the prices of these shares and if they are leveraged, it will KILL them.

None of us are ever prepared for such a big fall in revenue. In 1993 my brokerage income fell 95% (yes, fell 95%). I was not at all ready for such a big fall!

In the 1970s there was one super hit movie named 'Jai Santoshi Ma'. This was followed by 24 movies with the same theme. They all had to bite the dust. Then the funding stopped and they made different movies!!

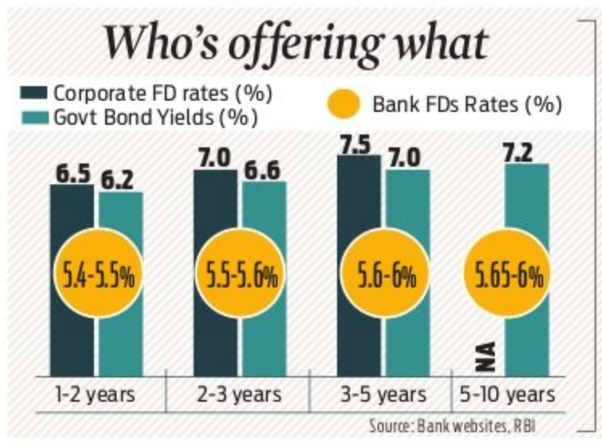
What should be your debt investment strategy

Experts say it is good time to invest in long-term G-sec bonds, as they might continue to trade in 7.1%-7.5% range

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent rate hikes have left many investors confused as far as their investment portfolio is concerned. Though the impact of inflation on the investment portfolio isn't direct but it can happen in many ways. Inflation impacts different asset classes differently, so the adverse effect can be moderated by having the right combination of instruments in one's portfolio.

As the RBI increases interest rates to counter inflation, some of the debt instruments have become attractive.According to experts, people are now shifting to fixed income instruments such as debt mutual funds, government bonds, corporate bonds, fixed deposits and savings accounts, among others. But it is not easy to guess how much the RBI will increase the interest rates in future even if inflation remains way above the central bank's tolerance level of 6%. The central bank has already increased the repo rate by 140 bps and further hikes are expected in the current financial year. So, what should be the strategy for retail investors to make most of the changed scenarios, and invest in debt assets?



Know your taxes

Nature of Profits/ Income	Debt fund	Bonds
Minimum Holding period for Long term capital gains	**3 years**	**1 year** for listed bonds; **3 years** for unlisted bonds
Short-term capital gains tax	As per the Income tax slab	As per the Income tax slab
Long-term capital gains tax	**20%** with indexation	**20%** with indexation
Dividend distribution tax	**29.12% (25%+ 12%** surcharge **+4% cess)**	**NA**
Tax on Interest Income	NA	Tax on Interest Income

FDs back in focus

After the 140 bps increase in repo rates – the rate at which RBI lends short-term money to banks – most banks have increased the fixed deposit rates by 15-20 basis points since June. Though the FD rates for most tenures are still below 6%, it is likely that the rates may go up further as banks hike FD rates with a lag."Since banks have raised deposit rates one can start investing in FDs," says Jitendra PS Solanki, author of 'Financial planning for the families having children with special needs' and a Sebi-registered investment advisor.

According to Pankaj Murarka, founder of Renaissance Investment Managers, there is a lag by banks in increasing interest rates in FD due to high systemic liquidity. In that context, investors should invest in medium- and long-term bonds and also start investing in FDs. A few corporate FDs are also offering 6.5-7.5% rates in 1-3 year tenure. But corporate FDs always have higher risk of default, and therefore, investors should invest only in high-rated FDs.

Government and other bonds

The yields on 10-year government bonds have been trading over 7% for quite some time and are currently around 7.2%. Some experts believe it is a good time to invest in long-term G-sec bonds. They expect the 10-year government bond yield to continue to trade in a broader range of 7.1%-7.5%. As many economists and analysts see the overnight rates moving closer to 6% -- currently the repo rate is at 5.4% -- yields on shorter duration government bonds are likely to move higher. "With 10-year yield going high, anyone with a long-term horizon can invest in long-term G-sec bonds and expect good returns when interest rate cycles reverse," said Jitendra Solanki. Currently, yields on government bonds across all tenure are higher than bank FD rates.

"Bond markets are ahead of central banks and they are already discounting peak interest rates. Due to this, yields have peaked out and will remain stable in the short-term and might decline in the medium-term," Murarka adds.

Debt funds

Debt mutual funds offer an array of funds to suit one's investment horizon, risk profile, etc. Therefore, at a time when the interest rate risk is high, you can choose one or more debt fund options to make yourself immune to the uncertain interest rate scenario. "To protect oneself from interest rate hike, investors can temporarily park funds in high quality debt funds in low duration category like liquid fund, ultra-short duration fund & Money Market Fund. Once the rate hike cycle is over, investors can then consider investing in long duration debt funds," Pankaj Shreshta - Head-Investment Advisory Division - Prabhudas Lilladher.

According to him, investors can also consider investing in floating rate funds to navigate rate hike cycles. Pankaj Pathak, Fund Manager- Fixed Income, Quantum Mutual Fund says that investors with a short-term investment horizon and with little desire to take risks should invest in liquid funds which own government securities and do not invest in private sector companies which carry lower liquidity and higher risk of capital loss in case of default.

Saving money? Learn to invest too

RAJAS KELKAR

YOUR money needs directions. That is possible when you learn to invest and not just save. You need to shepherd your money towards your financial goals. You are pleased to sink in your savings into gold or property.

However, financial assets are barely a part of Indian household savings. Even if they are, the money primarily lies in a bank or fixed deposits.

When someone says 'finance', many of you tend to recoil. It is understandable. Financial markets, currency markets, interest rates, and inflation are complicated subjects and require interest and appreciation. But when it comes to personal finance or your money, you may want to wonder if it is worth harbouring that inertia. You may miss out on good things in life by not investing due to not knowing.

Inertia is a disease

There are about 10 crore demat accounts in India, according to the latest data from the Sebi. A lot of individuals have more than one account. So, the number of individual accounts is usually lower than the aggregate number. Even then, it is less than 7% of the country's total population. Considering the rapid spread of financial inclusion, more people should participate in the benefit of investing. Yet, we are merely scraping the surface.

Another astonishing data is that the two cities account for most of the cash market trading value on stock exchanges. According to Sebi's latest monthly Bulletin, Mumbai and Ahmedabad are two cities that account for two-thirds of trades in the cash market on the National Stock Exchange. That does not just show the skewed distribution of financial services. It also shows the skewed nature of the understanding, appreciation and knowledge of investing.

Saving money is not investing

If you manage to create a monthly surplus and put some money in a fixed deposit or gold, you are saving it and not investing. You will not know that if you do not open your mind to financial literacy or knowledge. Nothing happens until something moves, said famous scientist Albert Einstein once. He was also the one who called the power of compounding the eighth wonder of the world. Your inertia is stalling your financial well-being. You need to take steps towards financial knowledge. Learn about growing your savings through investments. If you just save money in gold or bank deposits, you would barely cover for inflation. The value of your money will remain the same as it is now, as high inflation will hurt your ability to save more and invest in the future.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Investing regularly in an index fund is the best way to beat the inertia

The perception of risk

The inertia is also due to your perception of the risk. Financial assets are associated with multiple risks. These could be internal as well as external. You do not have to dive into finance or economics to understand that persistently high inflation is bad news.

To protect your finances against inflation, you must save and invest more. You need to look for companies that manage their capital efficiently.

For example, a company with low or zero debt generates strong cash flows and regularly pays dividends. Most consumer goods companies or technology services companies manage that regularly. You can imagine the wealth these companies have created over the years as savvy investors have stayed invested in them. You must manage the risk instead of worrying about it and staying out.

For most of you who are not associated with the world of finance, simply investing regularly in an index fund or an exchange-traded fund is the best way to beat the inertia. That way, you only need to know the movement in the NSE Nifty or the S&P BSE Sensex. That is just like monitoring gold prices. The values of these two barometers of India's capital markets are readily available online. That does not mean you have to check your performance every day. You can invest regularly and even forget about it. The power of compounding will help you accumulate wealth that will help you beat inflation consistently.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

EXPRESS READ

Finmin mulls changes in insurance laws

NEW DELHI: The finance ministry is contemplating changes in insurance laws, including reduction in minimum capital requirement, with a view to increasing the insurance penetration in the country. Insurance penetration in India increased from 3.76% in 2019-20 to 4.20% in 2020-21, registering a growth of 11.70%. Insurance penetration measured as the percentage of insurance premium to GDP witnessed handsome growth during the year, mainly due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The ministry is doing a comprehensive review of the Insurance Act, 1938 and also looking at making relevant changes to help push growth of the sector, sources said, adding the process is at a preliminary stage, reports *PTI*.

Reliance Cap suitors seek extension

NEW DELHI: Suitors for debt-ridden Reliance Capital (RCL) have sought extension of up to 4 months for submission of binding bids as part of its resolution process. US-based asset management fund Advent has sought extension by 16 weeks, while Piramal Finance has sought additional time of 12 weeks, that is till December, sources said. As per the current timeline, the last date for submission of binding bids is September 29.

Consultations on e-commerce policy

NEW DELHI: Stakeholders' consultations are underway to formulate the national e-commerce policy, which is aimed at promoting the growth of the sector in the country, a senior official has said. Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Anurag Jain said that a draft of the policy has been prepared after detailed public consultations and valuable suggestions have been received, reports *PTI*.

CHINESE LINKS

Mastermind behind shell cos arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) has arrested a person named Dortse, who is believed to be the mastermind of a racket of incorporating large numbers of shell companies with Chinese links in India and providing dummy directors on their Boards.

The arrest was made after simultaneous search and seizure operations conducted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on 8 September 2022 on the offices of Jillian Consultants India Private Ltd in Gurgaon, Fininty Pvt Ltd at Bengaluru and Husys Consulting Ltd in Hyderabad.

Dortse is on the Board of Jillian India Ltd, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Jilian Hong Kong Ltd. After his arrest, Dortse was produced in the jurisdictional court, which gave the SFIO his transit remand. Dortse had shown himself to be a resident of Mandi in Himachal Pradesh. According to the MCA, evidence procured during the enquiry by RoC Delhi and the simultaneous search operations points to dummy directors being paid by Jilian India to act as dummies in several shell companies. During the search operations, boxes filled with company seals and digital signatures of dummy directors have been recovered from the site. Investigation suggests that Indian employees were in touch with the Chinese counterparts through a Chinese instant messaging app. Husys Ltd was also found to be acting on behalf of Jilian India Ltd.

Husys apparently had a pact with Jilian Hong Kong Ltd. An MCA statement said that investigations so far have revealed the possible involvement of these shell companies in serious financial crimes detrimental to the financial security of the country. The MCA, under whose aegis SFIO operates, had assigned the investigation of Jilian Consultants India and 32 other companies to SFIO on 9 September 2022. Dortse and one Chinese national are the two directors in Jilian Consultants. Based on inputs and the investigations carried out, it was found that Dortse had fled from Delhi NCR to a remote place in the state of Bihar and was attempting to escape India through the road route. Immediately, a special team was constituted in SFIO which was deputed to the said remote place.

Inflation, manufacturing data to weigh on market this week

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THIS WEEK the fate of domestic equity markets, which largely remained buoyant last week, could be decided by important macroeconomic data points such as inflation, manufacturing and industrial production.

Inflation number to be announced on Monday could play spoilsports as it is believed that retail inflation in August might have edged higher to 6.9% against 6.71% in July.

A higher inflation may strengthen the resolve of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to continue increasing interest rates at a higher pace. The central bank is already under the pressure to match the recent 75 basis points hike by the US Fed and the ECB.

While these numbers would weigh on the markets, equity analysts believe that the sentiments in the market remain upbeat due to improved economic statistics and continued FIIs inflow. "The direction of the market in the week ahead will be determined by cues

from the global markets as well as important macroeconomic data points, such as inflation and manufacturing & industrial production data, to be released next week. Domestic retail inflation is expected to rise to 6.9% in August from 6.71% in July," says Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial services.

Last week equity markets were buoyed by falling crude oil prices and strong equity market performance in overseas markets. Both Nifty and the Sensex rose 1%, with Sensex crossing the psychologically important 60,000 level once last week. Nifty also broke 17,800 level and stayed above that level.

Analysts now believe that Nifty could try its march towards 18,000 levels but may face strong resistance at those levels. On the downside, it can well get support around 17,700 levels. "Although Nifty is still below the 18000 level, many other indices have already surpassed their respective swing highs, which indicates a buying interest in the broader markets," says Ruchit Jain, Lead Research, 5paisa.com.

Jain feels the important supports for the index are now placed around 17,650, while immediate resistance is seen around 18000. "The consolidation could continue for time being and a breakout on either side is now required for any directional move," he added.

And even though a section of the investors is wary of higher valuation, investors at large seem to discount those concerns in favour of India's improved macroeconomic situation. In terms of sectors, analysts believe financial sector stocks may see profit booking while technology stocks could see some pullback.

F2 racer Jehan wins at iconic Monza

India's Jehan Daruvala raced to his fourth Formula 2 win in the championship's main Feature race at Italy's Monza race track. Jehan started sixth on the grid but used a mix of strategy, race craft and tyre management to capitalise on a safety car and red flag-interrupted race and clinch a win around the hallowed 'Temple of Speed'. In F1, Red Bull's Max Verstappen maintained his dominance to win the Italian GP.

Despite I&B ministry advisory, airtime for surrogate betting advertisement

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

EVER since live sport returned to TV screens across India following the first lockdown, the advertisement industry has evolved. A bevy of cryptocurrency-based companies occupied prime slots. A year later, all the crypto companies, too, have exited. The market has witnessed a huge crash — for instance, bitcoin, the blue ribband crypto, is down 48 per cent over the last 12 months — so there is less demand.

The next great pandemic-era advertising is seemingly sports betting companies. They have been frequently seen on over-the-top (OTT) platforms over the last 20 months or so (betway and 1xBet to give two examples). On TV, they have been present in the form of surrogates (dafanews and 1xBat to give two examples). The presence of sports betting websites in itself is a red flag because betting is illegal in vast parts of India. It's a game of chance and games of chance cannot be played in India according to the Public Gambling Act (there are some exceptions as gambling is a state subject).

A few months ago, the Union government issued a strongly-worded advisory. "Betting and gambling," it said, "(is) illegal in most parts of the country, (they) pose significant financial and socio-economic risk for the consumers, especially youth and children".

The advisory has not been adhered to strictly. Over the last two weeks or so, the OTT-arm of the Indian broadcaster of the Asia Cup carried advertisements of 1xBet (with the words 'professional sportsblog' appearing underneath in a very small font), a Russian firm founded more than a decade ago. The 'professional sportsblog' is a surrogate.

Two of India's World Cup winners, Yuvraj Singh and Suresh Raina, have been promoting the 'professional sportsblog'. While the former announced the association on December 27, 2021, Raina did so on March 18, 2022 (another platform, BetWinner News, has Harbhajan Singh as the public face).

One organisation that has been tracking these developments in the Indian advertising space is Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). In a statement made available to this daily, they conceded that 'prima facie some of these ads may be in violation of the laws of difference states'. But, as an entity, ASCI aren't empowered to block or restrict advertisements as it falls beyond their remit. "The decision to ban or restrict advertising of a category can only be decided by the law, not by ASCI," Manisha Kapoor, CEO and secretary general of the body, informed this daily. "Since such ads are a potential violation of the law than the ASCI code, it is a matter for the judiciary and states to take up for consumer protection. This falls beyond ASCI's remit. We will of course support the government in the monitoring of such ads if asked for."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

THREE STAR: 1-GA INDEED

The Polish superstar sweeps Jabeur 6-2, 7-6 (5) in the US Open final to win her 3rd Slam

AP @ New York

AHEAD of the US Open trophy ceremony, Iga Swiatek pulled on a white jacket with "1GA" written in black over her heart — the numeral replacing the "I" of her first name represents her No. 1 ranking. Above that were three gold stars to reflect her updated total of major championships: There's the one she won Saturday at Flushing Meadows and the pair from the French Open in 2020 and this June (when her pullover sported two stars).

If Swiatek keeps playing and performing like this, if she manages to remain healthy and grounded, they're going to need to keep making new jackets for her. Still just 21 yet already guaranteed a spot on the International Tennis Hall of Fame ballot five years after retirement, Swiatek is quickly establishing herself as a player no one wants to face. Especially in a final. Her 6-2, 7-6 (5) victory over Ons Jabeur in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday gave Swiatek 10 consecutive triumphs in title matches, every one in straight sets.

And to think: This is not her favorite surface, her favorite tennis balls, her favorite weather, her favorite site. Each of Swiatek's past three trips to New York had ended with third-round exits. She arrived this time with few expectations and zero idea that it would be a two-week stay. Which just all makes it that much more impressive.

Plus, as big as her forehand is, as skilled a returner as she is — winning half of Saturday's 10 games served by Jabeur, who didn't face a single break point in the semifinals — as speedy and full of anticipation as her get-to-every-ball court coverage is, it's Swiatek's ability to think her way through the crucible of a match that might be her most valuable ability.

"I'm proud that I have much more solutions and options on court than I had before, tennis-wise, but also mentally. I'm using these skills pretty well. I'm really proud of that, because I just know how it feels to not have ideas on court, not have anything you can change to make the match better," said Swiatek, the first Polish tennis player to win a Grand Slam singles title. "Right now, it's been a long time since I didn't have any idea. So that's great. It shows that I'm actually doing progress." That's daunting for everyone else in the game. "In the key moments, Iga plays a little bit better," said Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, who counts the 1994 U.S. Open among her four Grand Slam singles titles and was advising Jabeur during the tournament. "Iga is just amazing. She has a lot of confidence and everyone knows she's the top player right now on the tour."

Swiatek is 55-7 with seven titles in 2022. She's now shown she can win on the red clay of Roland Garros and on the hard courts, and amid the hubub, of Flushing Meadows. "I feel like she improved a lot from last year until the beginning of this year," Jabeur said.

Poland's Iga Swiatek reacts after beating Ons Jabeur of Tunisia to win the women's singles final of the US Open. (Above) She talks to the media after her triumph | AP/AFP

I wasn't sure if I was on the level yet to win actually a Grand Slam, especially at the US Open where the surface is so fast. It's something that I wasn't expecting for sure. It's also like a confirmation for me that the sky is the limit.

Iga Swiatek

02 The win was Swiatek's second Grand Slam of 2022, adding to French Open she had won in June. In total, the 21-year-old has three won three Major titles.

10 Swiatek's victory was her 10th straight win in a final. She is unbeaten in finals since suffering a lone reverse in her first WTA final in Lugano three years ago.

07 No of titles the Pole has collected this year, first woman to reach that high since Serena Williams in 2014.

Duleep Trophy: North and West Zones in semifinals

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

ON a day when the game was of just academic interest, Shams Mulani (97) and Atit Sheth (102 n.o) of West Zone made best use of the opportunity to spend some quality time in the middle against North East Zone as the quarterfinals of the Duleep Trophy played at the MA Chidambaram stadium ended in a draw on Sunday.

Sheth punched the ball through the covers and brought up his hundred. Immediately after, the players started shaking hands, bringing the contest to an end. West Zone were 268 for 5 in their second essay when the play was called off just before tea. West Zone made it to the semifinals by virtue of their first innings lead.

On Saturday, West Zone did not enforce the follow-on upon the North East Zone side as their bowlers were tired. But one expected them to declare early on Sunday morning and press for an out-right win, but that was not to be. The Ajinkya Rahane-led team seemed to have been content to go on to the next stage with the first innings lead. Their lower order got some game time and a few players made an impact before the crucial semifinals.

Brief scores: West Zone 590/2 & 268/5 in 64.3 ovs (Mulani 97, Sheth 102 n.o, Sangma 3/70) drew North East Zone 235 all out in 81.5 ovs; East Zone 397 & 102/3 in 21 ovs (Abhishek 50 n.o) vs North Zone 545.

"I think it was a collective decision from the bowling unit. Very tough conditions over here. It was hot and humid. So we thought maybe if we could have gotten them (North East) all out under 60 overs, then we could have bought a bit of practice and gone for a win. But since we bowled more than 80 overs or so, we thought that let's take a break because it was quite hectic on Saturday. So that's why we had a plan of batting again," revealed Mulani.

Mulani who plays for Mumbai had a good partnership with Sheth and added 179 runs for the fifth wicket. The25-year missed a golden opportunity to register his maiden First class hundred. Mulani tried to nudge a ball to mid-wicket, miscued and the leading edge went straight to the hands of Bishworji. "Ya, we had a good partnership. Some of the batters on our side wanted a bit of rest, so we came in between and said let's build a partnership and let's just take the game to lunch time. Happy we did," said Mulani.

''Would have been happier if I had gotten 100. But it's a learning process for me as well. How to play when you're in the 90s and everything and this game was a good practice game for us because obviously they had a good bowling attack. Although the wicket wasn't helping that much, they bowled well because the batters (West Zone) came in (after being out) and said they are on the money and bowling well. It's a good start and hopefully this good form with the bat and ball continues,'' he said.

North Zone qualify

In the other game, Yash Dhull's 193 helped North Zone secure a first innings lead against East Zone in the quarterfinal in Puducherry and qualify for the next stage.

ASIA CUP

Rajapaksa, Hasaranga take Sri Lanka to glory

DUBAI: Pakistan pacers started with a bang before Bhanuka Rajapaksa's brilliant 71 not out took Sri Lanka to a good 170/6 in the Asia Cup final on Sunday. Naseem Shah (1/40 in 4 overs) and Haris Rauf (3/29 in 4 overs) ran through the Lankan top-order before their revival. In reply, Pakistan fell short by 23 runs with Wanindu Hasaranga taking three wickets — Mohammad Rizwan, Asif Ali & Khushdil Shah — in one over to turn the tide in Sri Lanka's favour. **Brief scores:** Sri Lanka 170/6 in 20 ovs (Rajapaksa 71 n.o, Hasaranga 36; Rauf 3/29) bt Pakistan 147 in 20 ovs (Rizwan 55; Madushan 4/34, Hasaranga 3/27).

Sri Lankan players celebrate after beating Pakistan by 23 runs in the final of the Asia Cup at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday | AP

Forced to play, says captain Harmanpreet after big loss

GOMESH S @Chennai

IT was a night where nothing went in India's favour. Their performance at Chester-le-Street on Sunday in the first T20I against an England side that did not have Heather Knight, Natalie Sciver and Katherine Brunt was not what was expected of them. Especially not after finishing second in the Commonwealth Games.

They went in with six spinners and two pacers — six all-rounders in the eight options — into the game that was delayed due to rain. And it all seemed going well up until the seventh over when India cruised 51/2. From thereon, things went only downhill as spinners Sophie Ecclestone and Sarah Glenn (4/23) choked the run flow with regular wickets. India crumbled before scrapping their way to 132/7, largely thanks to Deepti Sharma's late flourish (unbeaten 29 off 24 balls).

Brief scores: India 132/7 in 20 ovs (Deepti 29 n.o, Mandhana 23; Glenn 4/23) lost to England 134/1 in 13 ovs (Dunkley 61 n.o; Rana 1/31).

It only got worse, however, as, despite Renuka Thakur and Deepti creating chances with the new ball, India were abysmal on the field. They dropped catches, let boundaries go through so much so that the hosts chased down the target in 13 overs.

The way they operated on the field, at some level, it felt like India were not prepared to get on the field after the continuous rain in Durham. Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur said as much after the match. "We were not able to get the runs we were expecting. I just feel we forcefully played because conditions were not 100 percent fit to play," she said.

It is true that the pitch had very little bounce and carry and the outfield wasn't the fastest, with dew kicking in. And what more, Radha Yadav walked off the field while trying to stop a ball at point. That said, there wasn't much difference on the surface through the course of the match and both the teams had been dealt with similar cards. Which is why, despite the way the conditions were, India had one of their poorest days on the field, especially when fielding was their biggest plus during the CWG. And it also didn't make much of a sense that they felt a bowler short after Radha went back despite going in with eight bowling options.

The series has just begun and there are a number of games left. The Indian contingent would just want to forget what happened in Durham on Saturday and take a fresh guard at Derby come Tuesday.

EXPRESS READ

Gill dazzles in WRC 2 at Acropolis Rally Greece

NEW DELHI: Indian rally driver Gaurav Gill displayed remarkable performance in his third outing in World Rally Championship Acropolis Rally Greece. JK Tyre's Gill pushed his car to extremes in the baking heat of Athens. Blinding dust trails with almost negligible visibility, bent lower arms, completely worn out tyres made the drive even more challenging and dangerous for the Arjuna Awardee but he kept his pace in all the stages. On Saturday after stage 8, Gill was placed 9th in his class.

Rajiv ends Rd 4 with a double podium finish

CHENNAI: The Round 4 of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2022 concluded with the IDEMITSU Honda SK69 racing team's Rajiv Sethu working his magic on the Madras International Circuit. He grabbed another second-place finish in Pro-Stock 165cc of the national c'ship. The performances were not only limited to the national c'ship. 18 of the brightest talents too fought their hardest in the IDEMITSU Honda India Talent Cup to score top spots on the leader board.

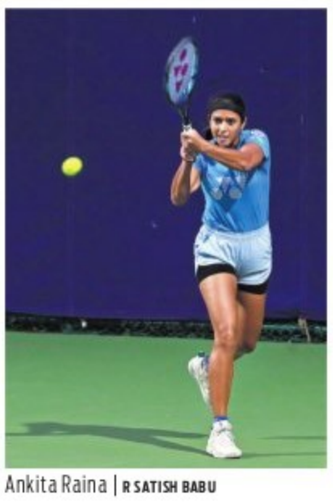
Rare chance for Ankita & Karman as top-tier women's event returns

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

FOR a shade over 20 years from just before the beginning of the aughts, the presence of international tennis was as sure as the seasons. Every year, after the Monsoon, the SDAT tennis stadium in Nungambakkam would turn on its lights to welcome the best. Even as the field dwindled in its later editions, it saw some of the best youngsters. For example, Andrey Rublev, Karen Khachanov and Casper Ruud, three of the eight quarterfinalists at this year's Australian Open, featured in Chennai when they were teens. Then, in 2018, it lost its place in the calendar to Pune. Since then, it has hosted two ATP Challengers in 2018 and 2019 but Saturday marked the return of tour-level tennis after five-and-a-half years.

Significantly, it marked the return of a women's tour-level event to India after the better part of 15 years. While a bevy of Indian men have benefited from a plethora of wildcards, the women of this generation haven't had an opportunity of this magnitude. It helps massively because the exposure is incomparable. The money on offer, too, helps. Take the case of India No 2, Karman Kaur Thandi. The World No 365, because of a low ranking, does not get into the main draw of 250-level events. She has featured in the qualifying of a few events but failed to manage the cuts. On Monday, the 24-year-old will play in the main draw after being given a wild card by the organisers. It will be her first main draw appearance at this level in four years.

So, it's no wonder to hear Ankita Raina, India No 1, say this event is 'an opportunity' for India's women's players. "First time they are having an event like this since I started playing," she says. "Have to make the best use of this opportunity.



Ankita Raina | R SATISH BABU

PUNE OPEN CHANGES SLOT

The next edition of the Pune Open, India's only ATP-250 event, is all set to go back to its original slot in the calendar: first week of the year. It was held the week after the Australian Open in 2022. The 2023 edition is likely to begin in the final week of December.

"We want such events in India. It has great benefits for Indian players. Will be a great experience, playing players who regularly play in the Slams. Great exposure."

However, the challenge to produce women's players capable of competing with opponents ranked outside the top-100 is massive, it's something that won't be solved with one meet. All five Indian women who were in the first qualifying round on Saturday lost. All of them, combined, won 19 games.

It's why Raina, one of the very active players from the country to have won a main draw singles match at the 250 level, calls 'this (meet) a good start'. "We have had a 125 (level) event before. We would want this event every year. Maybe it comes down to sponsors, I don't know if there are other restrictions and constraints. Last year we had some ITF competitions."

Sure, playing in the ITF is good but, after a point, you want to progress. Vijay Amritraj, head of the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA), explained. "WTA Tour-level tennis is outstanding," he said. "These events will teach you what it takes to be there... how to be strong in the third set. The ball-striking, the strategies involved, the mental IQ are all high standard. It was critical that we show the girls that we care for them too. To give them the opportunity to get better."

South Sudan's government declared flood-affected parts as national disaster areas and appealed for assistance. Friday's appeal came after torrential rains in the Upper Nile and Bahr el-Ghazal regions.

California's latest wildfire has spread rapidly in the US state's central mountains, just as firefighters were bringing a big blaze south of Los Angeles under control, authorities said Sunday.

VISA WILL NOW START CATEGORISING GUN SHOP SALES

Along with Mastercard and AmeEx, the payment processor will follow ISO's new merchant code for gun sales

GUN CONTROL

NEW YORK: Payment processor Visa Inc. said on Saturday that it plans to start separately categorising sales at gun shops, a major win for gun control advocates who say it will help better track suspicious surges of gun sales that could be a prelude to a mass shooting.

But the decision by Visa, the world's largest payment processor, will likely provoke the ire of gun rights advocates and gun lobbyists, who have argued that categorising gun sales would unfairly flag an industry when most sales do not lead to mass shootings. It joins Mastercard and American Express, which also said they plan to move forward with categorising gun shop sales.

Visa said it would adopt the International Organization for Standardization's new merchant code for gun sales, which was announced on Friday. Until Friday, gun store sales were considered "general merchandise." "Following ISO's decision to establish a new merchant category code, Visa will proceed with next steps, while ensuring we protect all legal commerce on the Visa network in accordance with our long-standing rules," the payment processor said in a statement.

Visa's adoption is significant as the largest payment network, and with Mastercard and AmeEx, will likely put pressure on the banks as the card issuers to adopt the standard as well. Visa acts as a middleman between merchants and banks, and it will be up to banks to decide whether they will allow sales at gun stores to happen on their issued cards.

Gun control advocates had gained significant wins on this front in recent weeks. New York City officials and pension funds had pressured the ISO and banks to adopt this code.

Two of the country's largest public pension funds, in California and New York, have been pressing the country's largest credit card firms to establish sales codes specifically for firearm-related sales that could flag suspicious purchases or more easily trace how guns and ammunition are sold.

Merchant category codes now exist for almost every kind of purchase, including those made at supermarkets, clothing stores, coffee shops and many other retailers.

"When you buy an airline ticket or pay for your groceries, your credit card company has a special code for those retailers. It's just common sense that we have the same policies in place for gun and ammunition stores," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams, a former police captain who blames the proliferation of guns for his city's deadly violence.

The city's comptroller, Brad Lander, said it made moral and financial sense as a tool to push back against gun violence.

Why millions in Italy won't cast their vote

DEMOCRACY

ROME: Millions of people will not cast their ballots at the upcoming general election in Italy despite wanting to vote, because they are elderly, sick or live far from their hometowns.

Voter turnout has dropped from 92 to 74% between 1944 and 2021, and is expected to fall to 67% in the September 25 ballot, according to the Demopolis Institute think tank.

Most of those who don't vote say they are not interested in politics or cannot find a party worth supporting.

But a white paper commissioned by the interior ministry and published in May found that just under half cannot cast their ballots for reasons beyond their control. "Involuntary abstention" primarily affects elderly people with reduced mobility (2.8 million people), the sick, and people with a serious disability.

But it also concerns all those who study or work far from the place they are officially registered as living—where Italian law requires them to vote.

There are an estimated 4.9 million people in this group, or 10.5% of the electorate.

Many are young, and find the time, distance and transport costs too great.

Mayla Bottaro, a 24-year-old student in Bologna, said she would have to return to Liguria on the coast, a journey that takes over three hours by train—and one she is not willing to make. "Why should I make this sacrifice when the state makes no effort to allow me to vote where I am?" she told *AFP*.

Transport companies are offering deals to make it easier for voters to return to their constituencies. The airline ITA is offering a 50% discount on domestic flights, railways Trenitalia and Italo have reduced fares, and so have ferry companies between the mainland and islands.

Lorenzo Sangermano, studies in Rome, but comes from Bergamo in the north, 600 km away.

"As well as studying, I work in a restaurant. On the 25th, I'll be working. And obviously, if I don't go to work, I don't get paid," he said.

People are put off changing their official residence for many reasons: because they are renting, because taxes are more favourable in their home province, or simply because it is tediously bureaucratic.

XPRESS FOCUS

KISS MULTI-LINGUAL LAB HAS BECOME ROLE MODEL FOR OTHERS TO EMULATE

UNESCO INTERNATIONAL LITERACY PRIZE 2022 TO KISS

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar has won the prestigious UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022 for its outstanding literacy programme based on the recommendations of an international jury.

The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize is sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Korea and recognizes contributions to mother language-based literacy development. KISS has received the award in the category of 'Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education' programme'. The prize carries an endowment of US$ 20,000, a medal and a diploma, informed Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS in a press get-together here in Bhubaneswar adding the award has come as a national and state pride.

"I thank UNESCO for recognizing our efforts and social innovations in the field of education, literacy and indigenous empowerment. In my childhood, I struggled to get proper education and now I put all my life to provide holistic education to millions at margins as I have realised that education can only make a child complete to take on the challenges of life," Dr. Samanta said addressing the media here, today.

KISS Vice Chancellor Prof Deepak Kumar Behera, a well-known anthropologist, said, "the multi-lingual lab was one of the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020, but it has been implemented at our institution long ago. We have also published an illustrated dictionary to help the indigenous children and their teachers to manage the linguistic challenges during the learning process." "Our education model at KISS, however, being holistic and inclusive in all aspects also ensures to respect the individual cultural identity of each in-

digenous community members," the VC added.

CEO and Registrar of KISS Dr Prashant Kumar Routray observed that KISS always ensures sync between the house language and school language through the multi-lingual lab and having student-centric curriculum and keeping the comfort of a homely atmosphere for the indigenous kid. He also informed that the model of language learning at KISS has now been adopted by the Centre and State Government as the institution has got 35 master trainers and 150 teachers associated with the multi-lingual lab.

MULTI-LINGUAL CURRICULUM

The award was presented at a global award ceremony organised by UNESCO in Côte d'Ivoire on 8 and 9 September 2022 to celebrate International Literacy Day. The programme aims to tackle the challenges of poor retention of indigenous students in elementary schools due to classroom language barriers and teachers' incapacity to deal with multilingual and multicultural classrooms effectively.

Every year, the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes focus on a specific theme. This year, the spotlight was on Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces. KISS is the fifth institute from India and the first from Odisha to receive this international prize. It is also the third among the non-profit NGOs and first indigenous based organisation to be conferred with this award.

KISS, a sister concern of KIIT, the largest institute for the indigenous students in the world, is credited with the adoption of innovative pedagogies as learning tools and bringing about a perceptible change in the socio-economic lives of the indigenous population through education. This recognition also brings the state of Odisha to prominence on the world map for its efforts at changing the education ecosystem. Moreover, it is also a big day of celebration for indigenous communities as it is truly an award for them.

KISS, a not-for-profit organisation, was established in 1992-93 by Dr Samanta to empower the indigenous population through education. It is a fully free residential educational institution that provides holistic education, comprehensive skilling and sports empowerment. The educational initiative at KISS comprises a school, a college and a university founded with the objective of providing food, education and empowerment to indigenous children.

It can be mentioned here that KISS has transformed the lives of 70,000 indigenous children (30,000 children pursuing education and 40,000 alumni) directly and about 700,000 lives in the indigenous communities indirectly. Its higher education wing, KISS Deemed-to-be University is the world's first university exclusively for indigenous students. KISS has, in its course of evolution and function, collaborated with various UN agencies and organisations for the implementation of several initiatives related to education and empowerment. KISS has been in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 2015 and is affiliated with UNDPI.

FACT OF THE MATTER

China's strict policy enforced

COVID

Almost 500 students at China's premier college for broadcast journalists have been sent to a quarantine centre after a handful of Covid-19 cases were detected in their dormitory. The 488 students at Communication University of China, along with 19 teachers and five assistants, were transferred by bus. Quarantining anyone considered to have been in contact with someone who tested positive for the virus has been a pillar of the "zero-Covid" policy.

UAE's tourism revenue soars

TOURISM

The UAE's tourism revenues surpassed $5 billion in the first half of this year, officials said with a strong performance expected this winter when Qatar hosts football's World Cup. Hotel occupancy was up more than 40% on Covid-hit 2021, UAE PM and Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said after a cabinet meeting in Abu Dhabi. "Our tourism sector's revenues surpassed 19 billion dirhams in first half of 2022," Sheikh Mohammed said.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to The Shriram Housing Finance Limited, The Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Shriram Housing Finance Limited, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 7.10.2022 between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for recovery of the balance due to "The Shriram Housing Finance Limited" from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and earnest money deposit & increment are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Description of Property	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Earnest Money Deposit Details (EMD) Details.	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person and Inspection date
1. Mr. R Manjunath **2. Mrs. Vedavalli Palani** **R/At. No. 8, 8th Main, Yamuna Nadi Road, K G Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 019** **And** **3. M/S. SM Fruits & Vegetables, Represented By Its Proprietor Mr. R Manjunath,** **Shop No. 13, Ground Floor, 8 Th Main, Yamuna Nadi Road, Brundavananagar, Bhuvaneshwari Colony, Bangalore – 560 019** **Date of Possession & Possession Type** **3rd February, 2022 Physical Possession** **Encumbrances known** Not Known	Rs. 45,51,916/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen Only) as on 11.11.2021 in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR000 1079 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the receipt of said notice. Notice dated: 18.11.2021	**All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 9/A, Khatha No. 66/1, situated at Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560062, presently under the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 59 Feet and North to 22 + 21/2 Feet (towards Eastern side 22 Feet and towards Western side 21 Feet) in total measuring 1268.5 Sq and bounded on the: East By: Road, West By: Property belongs to Sri Nataraju, North By: Site No. 10, South By: Site No. 9.**	Rs. 46,66,240/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Only Bid Increment: Rs.10,000/- and in such multiples **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)** Rs. 4,66,624/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Four Only) **Last date for submission of EMD 6th October 2022 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.**	EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/ NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: **BANK NAME-** AXIS BANK LIMITED **BRANCH-** BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI **BANK ACCOUNT NO-** Current Account No. 911020013220315 **IFSC CODE-** UTIB0000230	**7th Oct. 2022** **Time: 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.**	**Customer care: 022 -40081572** **Mahesh Bangera +919004173256** **Prashanth +919035211772** **Property Inspection Date: 26th Sep 2022 Time 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.**

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DAY'S DIARY

Shocking report

On this day in 2018, a report found that more than 3,600 children were sexually assaulted by Catholic priests in Germany over seven decades

A HIDDEN TRAGEDY

The study, commissioned by the Roman Catholic Church Bishops' Conference, found that at least 1,670 church workers had been involved in the abuse. Pope Francis called for "decisive action"

IMPENDING DANGER

The study also noted that some records had been "destroyed or manipulated", warning therefore that the scale of the abuse may be even greater

THE PUNISHMENT

Only 38 per cent of the accused were prosecuted by civil courts based on complaints lodged by victims or their families

Anime on silver screen

PG 3

REMEMBERING LILIBET

The demise of Queen Elizabeth II is currently the most talked about topic across the world. Bengalureans recall the late Queen's visit to Bengaluru in 1961

Jyotsna Srikanth meeting the Queen

My father and grandfather probably got a chance to meet the Queen. We catered to all her requirements during her visit to Bengaluru in the '60s although she didn't make a stopover at our restaurant. We were the official caterers to the Maharaja of Mysore. She had come to inaugurate the Bible Society, which is next door. I am told that the Queen and her entourage had roast mutton and chicken, along with Anglo-Indian treats like cutlets, mutton Mulligatawny

Prem Koshy, co-partner, Koshy's Bar & Restaurant

MONIKA MONALISA

THE internet and social media are flooded with condolence messages after the demise of Queen Elizabeth II. But one thing is for sure, you might hate her for India's colonial past, love her for her grit, but you simply can't ignore her.

After the news of her passing away on Sept. 8 was announced, the video footage from the newsreel archive *British Pathe* was being circulated widely. This shows the governor of Mysore, Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar, receiving the Queen and Prince Philip, the then Duke of Edinburgh, at the airport on their 1961 visit. The itinerary also followed the Queen planting a sapling at Lalbagh Botanical Gardens. It has been 61 years since and the tree still stands tall.

Many did all that it takes to get a glimpse of the Queen of England, and some have precious stories to share. For instance, Wendy Dickson (62) was just a year-old when the Queen visited Bengaluru. While she hardly remembers anything, what still fascinates her was that her father Herbert Clifford Dickson, who was a commercial staff at Indian Airlines, was present when she landed in Bengaluru. "What I do remember is a picture of British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) aircraft. She flew BOAC because it was a national carrier. We had a picture of the same aircraft in the house," says Dickson, who is the director of Kiara Academy of Performing Arts.

Though the incident wasn't discussed much when she was growing up, she now looks back and realises how big an opportunity it was for her father to be present when the Queen landed in the city. "For my father, it would have been a lifetime of an opportunity. Being an officer in Indian Airlines, he was there when she got off the aircraft and was received by Maharaja Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar," she recalls.

On the itinerary was a visit to Cauvery Emporium on MG Road. Pavithra Muddaya, founder, Vimor, a handloom heritage brand, recalls her mother Chimy Nanjappa and the chairman of Arts and Craft Emporium (the old name of Cauvery Emporium) being present to receive the dignitaries. "My mother was the manager and it was her job to take the dignitaries along with the chairman around. In those days, any dignitary who visited Bengaluru made a stopover at the Cauvery Emporium," says Muddaya.

While these were some of the past accounts, the situation currently in London is quite sombre. Jyotsna Srikanth, a city-based violinist, who is currently in London for a recording, says London feels different with the passing of the Queen. Srikanth had an opportunity not just to perform in front of the Queen twice, but also meet her twice. "She had a charismatic persona and had a huge interest in art and music. I remember her wearing a purple dress with her signature pearls and gloves to shake hands with us," recalls Srikanth.

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and thedirector of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a ₹5,000, The Raj Pavilion, ITC Windsor **

GRUB HUB

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Bajji 2) Vangi Bath 3) Ghas Ghase Payasam

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Mona Anand Prasad 2) A V Padma 3) R Rajesh

CITY READ

BK Mahapatra assumes charge as D(C), KIOCL

BK Mahapatra assumed charge as D(C), KIOCL Ltd. Mahapatra, a graduate in Metallurgical Engineering, passed out from National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur in 1988 and started his career in the same year with Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited. He has over 33 years of experience in the metal and mineral sector, out of which 27 years in the steel industry and six years in the aluminium industry, covering international and domestic marketing, port handling, logistics and plant operations. He has been the recipient of various awards and accolades during his career.

TUNIR BISWAS

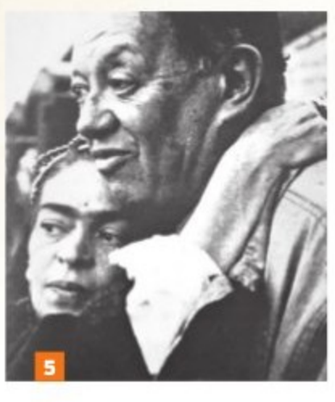
IN 1931, revolutionary Mexican artist Frida Kahlo painted an oil painting of her wedding day. In the painting, Kahlo stands with her husband Diego Rivera, also regarded as one of Mexico's greatest artists. Kahlo and Rivera's marriage, in many ways, was the coming together of two of the most important artistic voices in Mexican art history. So heavy was the gravity of their union, the couple had to marry each other twice.

Bengaluru's Gallery G is showcasing the exhibition Diego & Frida: Life Chronicles, presented by the Mexican Embassy in India, in association with the National Institute of Fine Arts and Literature (INBAL) of Mexico and Museo Casa Estudio Diego Rivera y Frida Kahlo. It showcases 60 photo reprints of the celebrated couple taken by distinguished artists, including Guillermo Kahlo, Guillermo Zamora, Vicente Contreras, and Ernesto Reyes. The photographs reflect important moments in the couple's marriage, as well as Kahlo's political activism. Displayed to the Indian crowd for the first time, this exhibition will run until October 10.

"On the 212th anniversary of Mexican Independence (1810-2022), this exhibition pays homage to two iconic artists of 20th century Mexico, Frida and Diego, representatives of an era when the country was in the middle of constructing a new and modern national identity 100 years after Independence. This period is now considered one of the most significant junctures in the postcolonial history of Mexico, where art and revolution merged and left behind its legacy in a host of magnificent artworks that continue to define the contemporary Mexican identity," says H E Federico Salas, Mexican Ambassador to India.

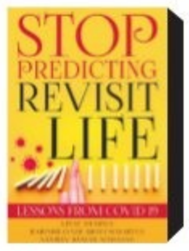
PAINTING A REAL PICTURE

Gallery G, with the Mexican Embassy, is showcasing an exhibition of celebrated artists, Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, to commemorate the 212th anniversary of Mexican Independence



1. Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera on their wedding day **2 & 5.** The couple together in different times of their lives **3.** Kahlo appears to be typing a letter dictated by Rivera on May 11, 1933, two days after the latter's artwork was suspended at Rockefeller Center, New York **4.** A young Frida Kahlo **6.** Kahlo at work as Rivera looks on **7.** An ageing Kahlo participates in a political demonstration, in a wheelchair, on July 2, 1954, 11 days before her death **8.** On the day of Kahlo's funeral, her husband mourns the loss of his wife along with countless others **9.** Visitors at the gallery| NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BOOK NOOK



Stop Predicting - Revisit Life

by Vinay Sharma, Rabindranath Bhattacharya, Sanjeev Kumar Mahajan, Himanshu Shekhar Mishra

A comprehensive account of how India dealt with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it also suggests policy and legislative measures to combat it in the future.

The Jitters behind the Glitters

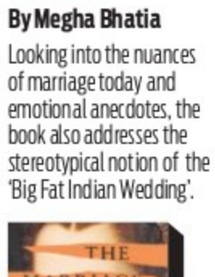
By Megha Bhatia

Looking into the nuances of marriage today and emotional anecdotes, the book also addresses the stereotypical notion of the 'Big Fat Indian Wedding'.

The Marriage Portrait

by Maggie O'Farrell

Set in Renaissance Italy, after the death of her sister, Lucrezia de Medici marries her late sister's fiancé. While sitting for a marriage portrait, she wonders whether her husband is a kind man or a ruthless politician.



The Two Lives of Sara

by Catherine Adel West

Sara King flees to 1960s Memphis and meets Jonah, a school teacher with whom she discusses politics, education, and segregation.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Artistic side

Become the next DIY artist and explore more about tie and dye.

WHEN: September 12, 4 pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS : bookmyshow.com

DIY handicrafts

Learn the art of knotting threads and create your own art at this Macrame Craft Workshop.

WHEN: September 12, 4.30 pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laughter club

End your Mondays with lots of laughter and madness with some delicious food.

WHEN: September 12, 8.30 pm
WHERE: Just BLR, Brigade road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Caricature time

Learn to create your very own cartoon characters using basic shapes and lines at this workshop.

WHEN: September 12, 11 am
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Artistic Fest

Go and witness the annual Dasara doll festival which features handmade dolls and miniatures of famous monuments made by rural artisans.

WHEN: September 12, 10am **WHERE:** Studio Tamaala, JP Nagar
DETAILS: 7676197344

Bashy beats

DJ Abhishek is here with another night of Bollywood and Punjabi tunes to beat the Monday boredom away.

WHEN: September 12, 8 pm
WHERE: Boho, Koramangala
DETAILS: highape.com

Night of Bollywood

Start the week with handcrafted beers along with the latest Bollywood mixes by DJ Avijit. **WHEN:** September 12, 8 pm **WHERE:** Simon Says Brew Work **DETAILS:** highape.com

LOL!

Get high on jokes and laugh your laziness away and make your Monday evenings better.

WHEN: September 12, 8.30 pm
WHERE: Drunkling Sizzlers & Pub
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ALL SMILES

Seven Bengaluruean women took part in the annual 'Mrs India Galaxy' pageant and won prestigious titles

QUICK FIX

SCHEZWAN PANEER

By **Parul Gupta** (@kravings), Jaipur, Rajasthan

INGREDIENTS

- **Paneer slices:** 1 bowl
- **Schezwan sauce:** 1 tbsp
- **Sesame seeds**
- **Soy sauce:** 1 tbsp
- **Red chilli:** 1 tbsp
- **Corn Flour**
- **Vegetable oil**

METHOD

- Shallow fry sliced paneer coated with cornflour. Add soy sauce, schezwan sauce and red chilli and stir fry for one minute.
- Add sesame seeds or spring onions and serve hot.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

TRIANGA MUKHAIKAPADA PASCHIMOTTANASANA

(ONE-LEG FOLDED FORWARD BEND)

In Sanskrit, 'trianga' means three limbs, 'mukha' means face, 'eka' means one, 'pada' means foot, 'paschima' means west or back of the body, 'uttana' means intense stretch and 'asana' means pose. It is a seated forward bend that stretches the back and calms the mind and is a challenging variation of Paschimottanasana.

STEPS

- Begin with Dandasana with legs stretched out, toes pointed to the ceiling.
- Exhale, lean slightly to the left and fold the right knee and place the right foot by the side of the right hip, toes pointed back in Virasana.
- Keep the knees together, extending the left leg out.
- Slide the back of the calf muscle of the right leg away from the back of the right knee your the palms.
- Balance by shifting body weight towards the right, to ground the hips and sit bones.
- Inhale, raise the arms toward the ceiling.
- Exhale, lean forward from the hips, and try to hold the left foot with the palms.
- Inhale, open up the chest and stay in this pose for a few breaths.
- Exhale, draw the navel in and lean forward, rest the forehead on the left knee, widen the elbows, and hold the sole of the left foot.
- Stay in this pose for 4-6 breaths initially, breathing slow and soft while ensuring with each exhalation you stretch forward lifting from the hips.
- Finally, release the pose and relax in Dandasana.
- Repeat the same procedure on the other side.

BENEFITS

- It regulates the digestion system.
- It calms the mind.
- This makes the spine more flexible.
- It stimulates and tones the abdominal organs.
- It helps to reduce constipation and flatulence.
- It helps to open the hips.
- Improves the flexibility in the hamstrings, hips and knee joint.
- This pose helps to remove any kind of leg swelling.
- It is a great pose for flat feet and dropped arches.
- It regulates menstruation.
- It is a good pose for knee and ankle sprains.
- It restores the body from long travel.

LIMITATIONS

This asana should be avoided if you are suffering from back and spine injuries, and if you feel discomfort.

This should be practised in the morning on an empty stomach.

This asana should initially be practised under the guidance of a certified yoga instructor.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

EK LOVE YA (Kannada)

Indignation envelopes Amar upon getting rejected by Anitha. However, he gets arrested for a gruesome crime when he tries to get his life together.

Cast: Raana, Reeshma Nanaiah, Shashi Kumar

- **Watch on:** Zee 5

21 GRAMS (Malayalam)

DySP Nanda Kishore is tasked to solve a series of murders that take place with the span of a few weeks but soon finds himself in trouble.

Cast: Anoop Menon, Anu Mohan, Leona Lishoy

- **Watch on:** Disney+Hotstar

OMBATTHANE DIKKU (Kannada)

Channakeshava teams up with Chintaka, a local pickpocket, to find his father who goes missing after coming to Bengaluru to deal with business.

Cast: Aditi Prabhudeva, Yogesh, Prasanth Siddi

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

VALIMAI (Tamil)

Police office Arjun is on a mission to hunt down a violent group of bikers who are involved in theft and murder.

Cast: Ajith Kumar, Huma Qureshi, VJ Bani

- **Watch on:** Zee5

JO AND JO (Malayalam)

Set during the lockdown, chaos breaks out in the family when an anonymous and ambiguous love letter is found that could be addressed to either of the siblings, who can't stand each other.

Cast: Nikhila Vimal, Nalsen K Gafoor, Mathew Thomas

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

D BLOCK (Tamil)

With the mysterious deaths of the girls of their engineering college being blamed on wild animals, a group of friends look into the killings.

Cast: Vijay Kumar Rajendran, Arulnithi, Avantika Mishra

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

RUNWAY 34 (Hindi)

Based on true events, two pilots land the plane owing to the rough climate, but trouble is around the corner when AAIB personnel probe further.

Cast: Ajay Devgn, Amitabh Bachchan, Rakul Preet Singh

FOREIGN

SAMARITAN (English)

Samaritan is a super-powered vigilante who was reported dead 25 years ago after a deadly battle with his rival. Teenager Sami Cleary believes the old man next door, Mr Smith, might be the legend.

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Javon Walton, Pilou Asbæk

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

HOUSE OF THE DRAGON (English, series)

The prequel takes place three hundred years before the events of Game of Thrones and tells the tale of the beginning of the end of House Targaryen after a civil war known as the Dance of Dragons breaks out.

Cast: Paddy Considine, Olivia Cooke, Emma D'Arcy

- **Watch on:** Disney+Hotstar

ME TIME (English)

Sonny, a stay-at-home dad, unearths himself with some "me time" for the first time in years while his spouse and youngsters are away. He reconnects with his former buddy Huck for a wild weekend that almost upends his life.

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Kevin Hart, Luis Gerardo Méndez

- **Watch on:** Netflix

THAT'S AMOR (English)

With her relationship going bust, Sofia meets a Spanish chef at a cooking class after which she learns something about love and sangria.

Cast: Riley Dandy, Isaac Gonzalez Rossi, Nancy Lenehan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

Rahul Karan Diwakar, one of the club's early members, in cosplay

ANIME ON SILVER SCREEN

For the joy of anime fans in the city, the Bangalore Anime Club is organising meets at anime film screenings for a shared community experience

TUNIR BISWAS

Some members of the Bangalore Anime Club (BAC) at an event

IF you switched channels on television in the early 2000s, especially the cartoon channels, sooner or later you'd have stumbled across a channel that called itself Animax. And if you were someone in your preteens or early-teens, you'd have noticed how it looked very different compared to every other cartoon channel on television. To adults, all cartoons looked the same. But you knew that something was different, and you were right! Animax used to only air anime, which are animated shows and films created in Japan.

When PVR Cinemas and INOX started screening anime films in India, the Bangalore Anime Club (BAC) started holding meetups at theatres to create a shared-viewing experience for the many anime fans in the city. The initiative started after the release of Makoto Shinkai's film *Weathering With You* on October 11, 2019. For the first time in Bengaluru, fans of anime got a chance to watch some of their favourite characters unveil their greatness on the big screen whilst being surrounded by people who shared common interests.

BAC's latest movie meet happened at the screening of the new *Dragon Ball Super (DBS)* movie *Super Hero* on August 27, 2022, at Garuda Mall. However, they ran into some trouble. "So when PVR Cinemas and INOX released this film, they tried to push the Hindi dub for the film across the country. That didn't sit well with not just BAC but also anime clubs in other cities like Chennai and Hyderabad. As fans, we are very comfortable watching anime in Japanese with English subtitles. So multiple clubs from various cities protested and the Hindi dub was eventually put down. On top of this, we weren't given enough time to promote the film either," shares Rahul Karan Diwakar, one of the admins of BAC. He adds that due to various instances of miscommunication between BAC and the theatre authorities, they weren't able to sell 100 tickets, which was the target.

However, even though BAC managed to sell about 85 tickets in a limited time, only about 40 people showed up for the DBS movie. Pranav Ganapathiraju, another BAC admin, feels this is a recurring problem in the community. "This tends to happen at most events. Unless it's done in an already established event like Comic Con, not everyone shows up. I feel since the day of the screening was a Saturday, people just had other plans and we also announced the meetup on a somewhat short notice," says Ganapathiraju.

BAC is planning to organise another collective meetup once the upcoming film of the *One Piece* franchise called *One Piece: Red*, the 15th film of the franchise, releases on October 7. Diwakar feels that at this screening, things will sail smoothly. "Since we have adequate time to plan our promotions, I'm confident things will work out better and we would be able to achieve the 100 ticket target with enough fans attending the event as well," says Diwakar. However, before *One Piece: Red*, BAC will also organise an event for the *Shin Ultraman* film, which is set to release on September 23.

Despite the increase of fans in this country, anime is still considered niche when it comes to releases for the big screen. *Weathering With You*, which was the highest grossing film of 2019 in Japan, earned over ₹6.6 million in its opening box office collections in India making it the biggest opening for a foreign film (non-English). While this opened doors for other anime films to be released in the country, sales like that of Shinkai's film isn't a common occurrence.

Suhas Sheikh, a student of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), who joined BAC in 2019, feels the existence of such clubs is pertinent to the growth of anime culture in the country. "Before I joined BAC, I used to watch anime casually. I wasn't aware of the cast and crew behind these productions. As an anime fan in India, being part of such a club is important for getting to know the entire anime industry as a whole. I feel joining any city-based anime club will also help the newer fans not get lost in the sea and give them the exposure they seek. You also make a lot of friends along the way," says Sheikh, who has also organised multiple BAC anime quizzes, which are usually held at IISc.

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JITHA KARTHIKEYAN
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(Jitha Karthikeyan is an artist and curator, passionate about making art accessible to the larger public)

Unconventional spaces

The earth isn't one vast expanse of land and water. Geography books may claim so, but the truth is that it is sliced into compartments, big and small. Over the years, all of us find the one that we belong to and slowly and surely, settle down inside its confines. Familiarity envelops us within this space, conversations are predictable and we bask in the warmth of the known. Software experts rejoice in the company of other digital minds, medical professionals are at ease in their sanitised discussions and writers flock to literary festivals like a fish takes to water. Compartments are indeed fulfilling - like the unexpected Indian meal one savours on that European vacation.

The world of art too, is one such safe cocoon for all artists and those connected to art — the critics, the art writers and the gallerists. Artists reside within its boundaries, secure in the knowledge that art speaks a singular language. Studios turn into meeting points where laughter blends with philosophy while art world gossip colours palettes. What is more, even incomplete sentences are understood by members of the ilk, for when has art ever relied on words? Gallery settings are no different. They are merely better lit, grander and more formal spaces, yet falling into the same category. The guests at the art exhibition are art literate, their exchanges over wine and cheese are what an artist is accustomed to, the art is examined without explanations sought, the concept note provided is read to fill up the gaps in one's interpretation of the artworks and obviously, the sense of belonging that the artist feels is a natural outcome.

Life however, can never be about comfort zones. Stepping out of it into unchartered territories is what has led to the biggest discoveries and the greatest inventions in the history of mankind. No man unwilling to venture out of his self imposed borders could have ever landed on the moon! And so, when artists are invited to showcase their creations in alien areas, far removed from their cosy surroundings, it requires a willingness to learn and adapt.

Commercial establishments have started opening their doors to art, by hosting shows inside their premises that last a weekend or two. Planned as a subtle marketing strategy to provide their customers with a unique experience, these events often prove to be discomforting for the artist initially. Uprooting art from its conventional base is not as easy or fancy as it sounds. Faced with an audience unexposed to art and wanting to be spoon fed with meanings and stories, the artist undergoes a feeling of displacement. Then there are those who display a complete lack of interest, bordering on boredom, that leaves one exasperated and wanting to run back to that safe haven in the art world.

Nothing that remains enclosed in a protective casket has made an impact in this world. It is only when art also occupies unconventional spaces and artists speak in languages not their own, can it truly become accessible to humanity and perhaps, shape the course of the world's history.

UNPACKING: A GAME ABOUT MOVING

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

MOVING homes is nothing if not stressful. While there is an aspect of moving that involves a feeling of being uprooted, the worse feeling is the worry that your collection of glassware might be shattered along the process. One of the reasons the game Unpacking is a big success is that it managed to make moving feel peculiarly relaxing.

Unpacking follows a person, along several life-defining moves in different stages of their life. We see the mover as a teenager settling into their new home, to a college student in a new dormitory, struggling to part with their childhood. We see how their life and priorities change as they move into homes with new roommates, and eventually build their own life and family. My interpretation of this game may be a little deeper than it was intended to be — I found myself seeing the main character adapting their life and taking on the interests of their previous roommates based on their new possessions. I saw them making sacrifices in terms of leaving some prized possessions behind, while simultaneously adjusting to the space constraints and jarring design aesthetics of their partners. I felt the subtle change in the tone of the music when the mover went back to their childhood home after years of living independently. I didn't really think much about how telling life can be, based on the possessions you own.

The game is a cute organisation simulator, where the levels grow progressively harder as the character moves from home to home. It involves opening large cardboard boxes and ensuring that every possession has its rightful place in its designated room in the house. It is a mix of home decoration and block-fitting, presenting each room from an isometric viewpoint. My only problem with the game is that it is extremely short, and I finished it in less than three hours. However, I do see myself replaying it multiple times till the developers decide to add new levels. It's currently free to play with the Xbox/PC game pass. The game can be played on the PC, Xboxes, Nintendo Switch and the PlayStations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GAGAAN CCHOWDAIAH** @ GAAGAAN G CHOWDAIAH, S/o. VEEJYA H R/a. No. 1463, 1st Cross, 8th Main, Judicial Layout, Bengaluru - 560065, shall henceforth be known as **GAAGAAN THENAMUTHAN CHOWDAIAH**. Vide affidavit Dated: 30-08-2022 sworn before Notary: K.V. Nanjaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMAN KUMAR** resident of P-249/6, 7th Camp, Air Force Station Jalahalli East, Bangalore 560014, have changed my son's name from **ARYAN** to **ARYAN DHAIRYA**, vide Affidavit Dated 08-09-2022 Before Advocate and Notary **S PRAKASH**, Reg No. 7865/09, Bangalore Karnataka.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHRUJULA .R**, D/o. V. Ramanaiah, Residing at No.82, Akash Nagar, A Narayanapura, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru-560016, do hereby solemnly affirm & state that, **RAMANAYA** and **V. RAMANAIAH** are one and the same person i.e., pertains to my Father, vide affidavit dated: 01.08.2022 before notary A.R. MUNEER AHMED, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF DATE OF BIRTH
I, Saraswathi.K.W/o J.C-49368M, Ex-Sub/Major Y.S. Seetharama Rao, Residing at No. 827, 4th Cross, Near Terige Bhavan, Nagarabavi 2nd Stage, Bangaluru - 560072, **have Changed my Date of Birth as 28.12.1948** by the affidavit dated 09.09.2022 sworn before the Advocate & Notary, M.C Palanetrappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARCHANA K**, (New Name) daughter of No. 1383422W, Rank NAIK, Name: **T.Krishnan**, presently residing at No.6, 6th A Cross, Punya Bhoomi Layout, Kalkere, Horamavu Post, Bangalore East, Bangalore-560 043, have changed my name from **ARCHNA K** to **ARCHANA K**, vide affidavit Dated: 05.09.2022 before Notary, **K.B.Sadha Shivappa**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATESH S GUDI**, aged about 25 years, son of Sri.Shasikant & Smt Jayshri, resident at No.43, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, 8th Cross, Baba Nagar, Kattigenahalli, **Bengaluru-560064**, Karnataka State, India, do hereby solemnly affirm that I have changed my name from **VENKATESH S GUDI** to **VENKATESH GUDI** vide affidavit dated 10.09.2022 sworn to before Advocate and Notary H S Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

NAME DECLARATION
I, **MR. MOHAMMED JABIR S.** aged 37 years, S/o. Shabeer Ahmed, R/at No.1070, BDA Quarters, Anjanapura Road, Avalahalli, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560062.
I hereby State that both the names **"MOHAMMED JABIR S."** and **" JABEER AHMED"** are same of mine only. The concerned Bank requesting to enter my name as **Mohammed Jabir S**, in my Bank Account as all other my Documents are executed. vide affidavit dated 02-09-2022 sworn to before Notary **L.Puttaraju, Advocate.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRIDHARA GUNDAPPA**, S/o Late Gundappa, aged about 46 years, R/at No. 68, 3rd Cross, Shankar Mutt Temple, 1st Stage, Kirloskar Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560079, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **ANAGA SRIDHARA** to **ANAGHA SRIDHARA**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **ANAGHA SRIDHARA** only, vide affidavit dated 10-09-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI .S** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **N KIRAN**, aged about 49 years, S/o. Nagaraj, Residing at No. 1454, Shree, 23rd Cross, 12th Main, B Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore - 560 092, hereby declare that my correct date of birth is **28/05/1973** and my father's name is **NAGARAJ** but my father's name **S NAGESH** and Date of Birth **21/05/1973** is wrongly mentioned in some of the documents and correctly mentioned in my Aadhar and Pan Card. I hereby declare that my father's name as **NAGARAJ** and **S NAGESH** all above mentioned names which are mentioned in various documents belongs to my father and same person. Vide affidavit dated 10.9.2022 sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Divya Sooraj, W/o. Mr. Sooraj Kayalatt, aged about 32 years, residing at Room No 101, Srinivasa Residency, Building No 524, B-Block, 2nd Cross, Near Brookfield Hospital, AECS Layout, Brookfield, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka, India. I have changed my name from **DIVYA SOORAJ** to **DIVYA SOORAJ MENON**, vide affidavit dated 10/9/2022 sworn before Indira S S Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE No JC-312890W SUB ESA SHAIK of unit:426 FD COY, 12 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914012, Have Changed My Son Name to **(OLD NAME) SHAIK KARIMULLA** to **(NEW NAME) KARIMULLA SHAIK** Vide Affidavit Dated 07.09.2022 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANITHA**, W/o. Harish Bangalore Krishnaiah, Aged about 45 years, No. 06, 7th C Cross, Garden Villas, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru - 560 072, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANITHA HARISH** to **ANITHA** vide affidavit dated 10.09.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Savitha R Rao, W/o. Rajesh S Rao, aged about 44 years, R/at No.405, Akshaya Classic Homes, Surya Layout, J.P.Nagar, 7th Phase, Aradhana Academy Road, Bangalore-560076, Karnataka, India. **N. S. SAVITHA RANI / Savitha Rani** have changed my name to **SAVITHA R. RAO**. vide affidavit dated 09/09/2022 sworn before **Rashmi Patil**, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC-313682N NB SUB RAJEEV of unit: 429 FD COY, 2 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914002, Have Changed My Name **(OLD NAME) RAJEEV** to **(NEW NAME) RAJEEV MANJUNATH MAHALE** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.09.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. UMADEVI, D/o Chinna Muthyalappa, major, wife of S.Naresh, residing at 25/1, 1st Main Road, First Cross, Mathapura Summanahalli Magadi Main Road, Vishwaneedam Bangalore North, Bangalore** have changed my father's name from **RAMESH to CHINNA MUTHYALAPPA** vide Affidavit dated 29/08/2022 before Advocate and Notary Prakash .C, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOPAL LAYA MOGAR**, S/o Jit Bahadur Laya Mogar, R/at No. 1/49, Muthamma Garden, PSK Naidu Road, Doddigunta, Cox Town, Bengaluru, have changed my name from **GOPAL B. LAYAMOGAR @ JIT BAHADUR MAGAR THAPA @ GOPAL THAPA @ GOPAL BAHADUR LAYA MOGAR** to **GOPAL LAYA MOGAR** and henceforth I shall be called as **GOPAL LAYA MOGAR**, before Notary Public **O.S. Chengappa**, Bangalore dated 08-09-2022.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC- 313682N NB SUB RAJEEV of unit: 429 FD COY 2 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914002, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) JEEVTIH.R** to **(NEW NAME) JEEVITH RAJEEV MAHALE** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.09.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MURALI**, S/o. Chinna Muthyalappa, major, residing at 25/1, 1st Main Road, First Cross, Mathapura Summanahalli Magadi Main Road, Vishwaneedam Bangalore North, Bangalore have changed my father's name from **RAMESH to CHINNA MUTHYALAPPA** vide Affidavit dated 29/08/2022 before Advocate and Notary Prakash .C, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K. DHANALAKSHMI**, W/o No. 2576936L, Late NK R. Ramakrishna, R/at #39/1, 5th Cross, Sampangairama-nagar, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my daughter's name from **R. CHITRAKALA** to **CHAITRAKALA .R**, vide affidavit dated 05-09-2022, before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) BHARATHI.R**, Spouse of NO JC-313682N NB SUB RAJEEV, Residing at Swamy Vivkanand Nagar, 2nd Cross, Chipgi (Post), Sirsi(Taluk), Karwar (Dist), Karnataka (State), Pin: 508401, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) BHARATHI RAJEEV MAHALE** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.09.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NEERAJ KUSHALAPPA CHOUNDRA** W/o Jagadish Choundra Kushalappa, residing at Ashirvad, 52, Defence layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097, have changed my name to **NEERAJ KUSHALAPPA**, vide affidavit dated 10.09.2022, sworn before notary K.C Pemmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) HARIJAN SAJNABAI NANJI** Residing at No. Village Laiyari, Post Sukhpar (S), Taluka Abdasa, Dist Kachachh, State Gujarat, Pin - 370655. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HARIJAN SAJNABAI NANJI** to **(NEW NAME) SAJNABEN SIJU** Vide Affidavit dated 10.09.2022 sworn before Notary A.R. MUNEER AHMED Bangalore.

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'CELEBRATE LOVE WITH MONSOON RAAGA'

... says S Ravindranath, who talks about his second outing that brings together Dhananjay and Rachita Ram

A SHARADHAA

AFTER striking gold with his debut film, *Pushpaka Vimana* (2017), starring Ramesh Aravind and Rachita Ram, director Ravindranath S is coming back with *Monsoon Raaga*.

With Dhananjay in the lead, *Monsoon Raaga* reunites Ravindranath with Rachita. The director strongly believes that his films have the right content to attract well-known actors. "As stars, they want to do both commercial entertainers and content-oriented subjects. Working with like-minded people makes it easier," says Ravindranath, ahead of the film's release on September 16.

Billing *Monsoon Raaga* as a love story between two beautiful souls, Ravindranath credits watching films of various genres as an inspiration for his films. "Dhananjay plays a mass hero in the film, which features him as a good-hearted person working in a bar. Rachita Ram plays a sex worker in the film that will bring out the 80s and 90s era. The film also has Yasha Shivakumar, Achyuth Kumar, and Suhasini playing pivotal roles," says Ravindranath.

Delving deeper into the film, Ravindranath shares that nature plays an important character in *Monsoon Raaga*. "Right from the title, we have given a lot of importance to rain and weather. Nature plays a big part in our film, and will take you to an imaginary world," says the director.

Backed by the Vikhyath Chitra Productions banner, *Monsoon Raaga* has Anoop Seelin as the composer. With cinematography by SK Rao, the editing of *Monsoon Raaga* will be done by National Award-winner Harish Komme.

Yasha Shivakumar

S Ravindranath

Achyuth Kumar

Suhasini

Rachita Ram and Dhananjay

Disney+Hotstar is working on a series adaptation of *Mahabharata*

CE FEATURES

DISNEY unveiled the first visual glimpse into the making of its upcoming *Mahabharata* series through a series of concept art. Details regarding the series adaptation of the Indian epic were released at Disney's fan event D23 expo that happened on Friday. Gaurav Banerjee, the head of content at Disney+ Hotstar & HSM Entertainment Network officially confirmed the news at a panel at D23.

Speaking about the series at the fan event, Banerjee said, "There are over a billion people who know *Mahabharata* in some form, or the other. Most of them in my country have heard them as children from their grandparents, there are billions more who remain unaware of what they have been missing. It would indeed be a privilege to be able to bring this incredible story to a wider global audience next year,"

The show will be produced by Madhu Mantena under his banner Mythoverse studios along with Allu Entertainment and Karan Johar's Dharmatic Entertainment.

The makers are yet to release details regarding the cast and release plans for the series.

Sanaa is going to be unforgettable: Radhika Madan

CE FEATURES

Radhika Madan shot for Sudhanshu Saria's *Sanaa* earlier this year. The *Pataakha* and *Angrezi Medium* actor has now kicked off its dubbing.

Sanaa is a relationship drama that revolves around a headstrong and ambitious woman (Radhika) who is fighting an internal battle caused by unresolved trauma. The film is produced, directed and written by Sudhanshu Saria.

Radhika says, "It's been exciting going back to this character and finding my voice for *Sanaa* again. Sudhanshu's storytelling aesthetics are exceptional and dubbing for his directorial is allowing me to relive the magical experience of shooting for it. *Sanaa* truly is going to be an unforgettable part of my journey as an actor."

Sudhanshu Saria shares, "I'm thrilled that we're closer to offering *Sanaa* to the audience now that we've kicked off the dubbing. Collaborating with Radhika, who perceives cinema the way I do has been fulfilling, fun and creatively enriching. She went to lengths to embody *Sanaa* to the best of her calibre. I'll always remember her looking determined to be this feisty girl on a journey to heal. I can't imagine any other actor bringing out what she has in *Sanaa*."

Kireeti Reddy is halfway through shooting the talkie portions for his upcoming film directed by Radhakrishna; shares his initial experience of working with big stars

'Working with Ravichandran Sir was unbelievable for me'

Kireeti Reddy

Ravichandran

The actor with Shivarajkumar

CE FEATURES

Fifty per cent of the talkie portions of Radhakrishna's upcoming directorial, which is set to launch Kireeti Reddy, is complete. Talking about his acting experience, especially working with Ravichandran, Kireeti says, "Working with Ravichandran sir was unbelievable for me. It's a dream come true for me, and my happiness working with him cannot be expressed in words." The debut actor exudes confidence about the project, and says, "Everything is going right for the film, and the entire team is positive about the project."

Kireeti's debut starring Sreeleela as the heroine also marks the return of Genelia Ritesh Deshmukh to South cinema, and the team recently filmed scenes with them in Bengaluru. It could be unnerving for a debut actor to share screen space with such big names. However, Kireeti has no such hesitation about his acting debut. "I was already prepared, and I am confident about facing the camera. But I feel privileged to work with such an experienced cast and crew," he says, adding that his learning curve is progressing the right way.

Son of political bigwig Gali Janardhan Reddy, Kireeti shares that the former's presence on the sets is a guiding force. "It was his dream to become a director. In some ways, he is now seeing a part of his dream come true through me, and my dream is to make him proud of me," says Kireeti.

Incidentally, Shivarajkumar recently visited the sets of the film. "Shivanna sir saw the rushes and was extremely proud and happy to see the output. It's the biggest blessing I can ever receive," says Kireeti.

In the upcoming schedule, the makers are planning to shoot the action sequences, and it is expected to begin filming by the end of September. With stunt choreography by Peter Hein, the project, backed by Sai Korrapati, will have music and cinematography by Devi Sri Prasad and K Senthil Kumar, respectively.

The Witcher season 3 wraps filming

CE FEATURES

THE Witcher season 3 has wrapped up filming in London, UK. Bola Ogun, who directed the final episode of the upcoming season officially confirmed the end of filming. Henry Cavill celebrated the end of filming through a note that thanked his cast and crew.

The fantasy series stars Henry Cavill in the lead along with an ensemble cast that includes Freya Allen, Anya Chalotra, Joey Batey, Eamon Farren, MyAnna Buring, Mimî M. Khayisa, and Royce Pierreson.

The season 3 production briefly halted for a couple of weeks in July following news that Henry Cavill had contracted COVID-19. Following the quarantine, the actor was unable to attend the San Diego Comic-Con that took place around that time.

Popular TV serial *Mayamruga* gets a sequel

Titled *Matte Mayamruga*, the soap opera will bring back the *Magalu Janaki* director to the small screen

CE FEATURES

TN Seetharam's popular serial *Mayamruga* is set to get a sequel, and the filmmaker will return to the small screen for helming this instalment too. Titled *Matte Mayamruga*, the new version will have three directors -- TN Seetharam, P Seshadri, and Nagendra Sha wielding the megaphone.

A continuation of the serial is not easy, and the director believes that there are a lot of challenges ahead. "Today, the mindset of teleserial watchers has changed. I was scared when I was offered this proposal," says Seetharam on the sidelines of the serial's muhurath. The director shares that *Matte Mayamruga* will be suited to the new generation and the fast-paced world.

Seetharam, who has worked in many serials like *Mayamruga*, *Mukhta Manvanthara*, *Mutha Muktha*, and Maha Parva, last helmed *Magalu Janaki*.

Matte Mayamruga will see actors Avinash, Malavika, Rajesh Nataranga, and Veena Sundar reprising their roles from the original.

The filming of the serial is currently underway, and it will be aired from the third week of October on the Siri Kannada channel.

TN Seetharam, Nagendra Shah and P Seshadri